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ON

THE ADMINISTRATION

OF

Civil Justice

IN

THE PRESIDENCY OF MADRAS,

FOR THE YEAR

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IN

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I.—Introductory.

1. The present report follows the plan adopted last year and approved in para. 1 of G. O., dated 20th December 1886, No. 3,346, Judicial. *Plan of the report.*

2. In accordance with the suggestions made in para. 2 of the same G. O., the maps prefixed to this report have been improved so as now to exhibit, in a manner which commends itself to the High Court, the limits of the territorial jurisdictions of District Judges, Subordinate Judges and District Munsifs, as they stood at the end of 1886, embodying the changes effected during the year and detailed in Statement A of the Appendix. *Maps.* *Statement A.*

3. Territorial changes occurred only in Malabar, Nellore and Tanjore. In North Malabar, one amshom was transferred from the Nadapuram to the Paynad Munsifi, and one amshom from the Cannanore to the Kavvayi Munsifi, with effect, in each case, from 1st January 1886. It had been found that the Nadapuram Munsif was bearing more, and the Kavvayi Munsif less, than his fair share of business : and the effect of these transfers has been to secure, as the following figures show, a better distribution of work. *Territorial changes. Malabar.*

Institutions. *Effects.*

	Nadapuram.		Paynad.		Cannanore.		Kavvayi.	
	O. S.	S. C.	O. S.	S. C.	O. S.	S. C.	O. S.	S. C.
1885. ...	632	1,381	602	1,025	656	1,137	473	1,027
1886. ...	628	1,505	742	1,445	566	1,135	590	1,080

The Wynaad Taluk of Malabar was, from 1st April 1886, divided between the District Judges of North and South Malabar, seven amshoms falling to the jurisdiction of the former, and six to that of the latter, Court. Previously, all appeals from decrees of the Vayitri Munsif (whose jurisdiction embraces the whole Wynaad Taluk) lay to the District Court of South Malabar ; and the principal object of the division was to allow appellants from the northern amshoms of Wynaad the convenience of suing in the more accessible District Court at Tellicherry. The results show that advantage was taken of this convenience. *Wynaad.*

Appealable Decrees passed by the Vayitri Munsif. *Effects.*

	Appealable to District Court.		Appeals actually preferred.	
	North Malabar.	South Malabar.	North Malabar.	South Malabar.
1885. ...	...	183	...	40
1886. ...	32	70	2	28

In Nellore, the Udayagiri Taluk and that portion of the Atmakur Taluk which lies north of the Penner river were transferred, with effect from 1st January 1886, from the Kavali to the Nellore Munsifi, the Kanigiri Taluk being at the same time transferred from the Ongole to the Kavali Munsifi. The object was to relieve the files of the Nellore and Ongole Munsifs, the addition of territory to the former's jurisdiction being balanced by enhancing his small cause powers to Rupees 200, and investing the District Judge with similar powers up to Rupees 500 throughout the Munsifi. How much of the effect disclosed in the following figures is due specially *Nellore.*

to the territorial changes made, it is, therefore, difficult to say; but the result is, on the whole, satisfactory.

Effects.

Institutions.

	Kavali.		Nellore.		Ongole.	
	O. S.	S. C.	O. S.	S. C.	O. S.	S. C.
1885 ...	794	549	1,203	1,041	940	611
1886 ...	831	492	652	1,883	800	560

Tanjore.

In Tanjore, four "Maganams" (divisional groups of villages) were interchanged, with effect from the 21st June 1886; two between the Tiruvarur and Negapatam Munsifs, and two between the Tiruvadi and Tanjore Munsifs, respectively. The object was to increase the convenience of suitors; but how far the transfers contributed to the following results is not known.

Effects.

Institutions.

	Tiruvarur.		Negapatam.		Tiruvadi.		Tanjore.	
	O. S.	S. C.	O. S.	S. C.	O. S.	S. C.	O. S.	S. C.
1885 ...	526	1,161	456	886	489	727	592	1,268
1886 ...	541	1,139	459	1,045	518	942	588	1,248

Jurisdictional changes.

4. In every District, except Bellary, Kurnool, Malabar and Tanjore, advantage was taken of the powers conferred by Section 28 of the Madras Civil Courts' Act (III of 1873) as amended by Section 5, clauses (a) and (b) of Act XXI of 1885, to relieve the regular files of certain Munsifs' Courts by extending their small cause jurisdiction, in some instances to suits of the value of Rupees 100, in others to suits of Rupees 200 in value; while in six Districts, where no Subordinate Judge is located, further relief was afforded by investing the District Judges with small cause jurisdiction up to Rupees 500 within defined portions, generally a single Munsifi, of their Districts. The small cause jurisdiction of the Subordinate Judge of Cocanada was extended over the local jurisdiction of the District Munsif of Rajahmundry from and after the 1st January 1886. The extended powers conferred on District Munsifs were personal, and in most cases took effect from the 1st January 1886; but in many cases, owing to transfers and grants of leave, the exercise of the powers conferred was not continuous throughout the year. In Vizagapatam, for instance, the Munsif originally invested with small cause jurisdiction up to Rupees 200 was succeeded in April 1886 by a Munsif on whom powers up to Rupees 100 only were conferred, as late as 1st September. The figures in the following table, therefore, are not to be taken as representing completely the effects of extended small cause jurisdiction exercised throughout the year; but they exhibit very marked results in the way of relief:—

Extension of Small Cause powers.

Effects.

Institutions.

Munsif's Court.	O. S.			S. C.			S. C. in 1886.	
	1885.	1886.	Difference.	1885.	1886.	Difference.	Over Rs. 50 in value.	Filed in District Court.
A.—Munsifs invested with small cause powers up to Rupees 200.								
Vellore ...	808	543	—265	700	1,200	+500	345	...
Arni	871	702	—169	485	645	+160	199	...
Cuddalore ...	1,167	886	—281	1,064	1,711	+647	443	...
Chingleput ...	744	477	—267	342	791	+449	267	50
Coimbatore ...	995	606	—389	569	987	+418	328	...
Erode	854	539	—315	434	840	+406	378	...
Berhampore ...	878	496	—382	943	1,330	+387	367	97
Narsapur ...	732	530	—202	396	698	+302	211	...
Guntur... ...	746	519	—227	454	682	+228	230	...
Bapatla ...	756	420	—336	495	763	+268	305	...
Masulipatam ...	744	729	— 15	1,109	1,187	+ 78	30	...
Nellore ...	1,203	652	—551	1,041	1,883	+842	619	95
Salem	891	540	—351	732	1,000	+268	313	11
Trichinopoly (Principal) ...	941	45	—896	1,005	975	— 30	566	92
Kulitalai ...	670	410	—260	510	775	+265	241	...
Total ...	...	...	—4,906			+5,188	4,842	
Average ...	...	...	— 327			+ 345	322	

B.—Munsifs invested with small cause powers up to Rupees 100.

Mangalore	...	323	332	+ 9	587	707	+120	106	...
Udipi ...	...	520	347	—173	424	590	+166	173	...
Kundapur	...	583	356	—227	520	710	+190	181	...
Puttur ...	...	473	348	—125	205	207	+ 2	37	...
Cuddapah	...	569	164	—405	526	780	+254	270	114
Rajahmundry	...	792	386	—406	565	894	+329	267	...
Paramakudi	...	1,057	905	—152	650	925	+275	218	...
Dindigul	...	654	681	+ 27	982	1,345	+363	281	...
Tuticorin	...	667	836	+169	1,017	1,382	+365	219	...
Vizagapatam	...	953	876	— 77	958	1,118	+160	149	...
Total	...	...	...	—1,360			+2,204	1,901	
Average	...	...	...	— 136			+ 220	190	

It will be noticed that, in most cases, the extension of small cause jurisdiction does not alone account for the increase in small cause litigation. In three cases—Mangalore, Dindigul and Tuticorin—there has been an increase in both the regular and small cause files. Each of these Munsifs is included within the small cause jurisdiction of a Subordinate Judge: and the extent of relief afforded to the latter may be gathered from the above and the following statements together:—

Small Causes instituted up to Rupees 100.

	Mangalore Sub-Court. (Mangalore)	Madura (West) Sub-Court. (Dindigul.)	Tinnevelly Sub-Court. (Tuticorin.)
1885	181	423	497
1886	96	382	432

General effect.

The general effect of the measures taken under Act XXI of 1885 was to reduce the average institutions of ordinary suits in the Regular Munsifs' Courts from 603 in 1885 to 554 in 1886, and to increase the average institutions of small causes from 659 to 783.

Other changes in distribution of business.

5. From the 1st January 1886, the distribution of work between the Principal and Additional Munsifs of Trichinopoly was re-arranged on a pecuniary instead of a territorial basis, the Additional Munsif being directed to try all ordinary suits up to Rupees 1,000, and all small causes up to Rupees 30 in value, arising within the Trichinopoly Taluk,—their common territorial jurisdiction. The very striking results appearing in para. 4 *supra*, were due less to the extended powers of the Principal Munsif in small causes than to this re-distribution of work, the effect of which, by way of contrast with 1885, was as follows:—

Trichinopoly.

Effects.

Institutions.

	Principal Munsif.		Additional Munsif.	
	O. S.	S. C.	O. S.	S. C.
1885 ...	941	1,005	601	503
1886 ...	45	975	797	1,295

To rectify this inequality, the Additional Munsif has, from 1st March 1887, been directed to try ordinary suits up to the value of Rupees 250 only, and small causes up to Rupees 30 as before.

Madura peripatetic Munsif's Court.

The Additional Munsif's Court of Madura, which had been working at Poonamallee in Chingleput District since September 1885, completed its business there on 10th May 1886 and re-opened at Madura on 21st June, but being more urgently required to assist the Tinnevelly Munsif was, with the approval of Government, moved to Tinnevelly on the 1st September 1886. The distribution of work between the Principal and Additional Munsifs, both at Madura and at Tinnevelly was the same as in the case of Trichinopoly, but similar inequality did not result.

II.—Courts administering Civil Justice.

Classes of Courts.

6. The number of Courts which actually exercised original jurisdiction during the year was

Original.

(*a.*) In the Mufassal—

3,522 Village Munsifs' Courts,
64 Revenue Courts,
2 Cantonment Courts of Small Causes,
30 Agency Courts,
110 District Munsifs' Courts,
15 Subordinate Judges' Courts
and 20 District Courts.

(*b.*) At the Presidency Town—

The Presidency Court of Small Causes
and The High Court.

Appellate.

Appellate jurisdiction was exercised by 6 Agency Courts in addition to the Subordinate Judges' Courts, the District Courts and the High Court.

Village Munsifs' Courts.

7. The number of Village Munsifs who actually exercised civil jurisdiction was 50 less than in 1885, and varied from 456 in Madura down to 18 in Kurnool. In Chingleput, there was a remarkable decrease from 420 in 1885 to 100 in 1886.

Revenue Courts.

8. Of the 104 existing Revenue Courts possessing summary jurisdiction under the Rent Recovery Act (VIII of 1865), only 64 actually exercised their powers as against 68 in 1885. Tinnevelly, Chingleput, Salem, North Arcot and Madura were the Districts in which most use was made of this class of Court.

Cantonment Courts of Small Causes.

9. The Courts at St. Thomas' Mount and Cannanore continued to be the only two Courts of this description.

Agency Courts.

10. In the Agency Tracts of Ganjam, Vizagapatam and Godavari, besides the 3 Agents who, as in 1885, exercised the powers of District Judges, the number of Sub-Magistrates who actually exercised the powers of District Munsifs was 19 as against 15 in 1885; and the number of Assistant Agents who exercised the powers of Subordinate Judges was 8, as against 9 in 1885.

Other Regular Mufassal Courts.

11. No change occurred in the number of the District Munsifs', Subordinate Judges' and District Courts. In the District Munsifs' Courts, the average number of working days was 244, the same as in 1885, varying from 278 in the Srivilliputtur Court, Tinnevelly, to 203 in the Nandyal Court, Kurnool. In the Subordinate Judges' Courts, the average was 225, as against 223 in 1885, varying from 237 in the Mangalore to 196 in the Tellicherry Sub-Court. In the District and Sessions Courts, the average time devoted to civil business was 168 days, as against 158 in 1885, varying from 231 days in Chingleput to 107 in Bellary.

Presidency Small Cause Court.

12. In the Presidency Small Cause Court, the full complement of Judges (3) sat throughout the year. The number of working days was 228, exclusive of 43 days on which Vacation Judge sat during the annual recess.

High Court.

13. The High Court had its full complement of Judges (5) throughout the year, except for a period of five weeks during which the Honourable Mr. Justice Kernan was absent on privilege leave. The Court was adjourned on account of the annual vacation for two months from 10th May 1886, the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Muttusami Aiyar sitting as Vacation Judges.

Vacation.

The Court sat for 162 days on the Original, and for 199 days on the Appellate Side, the number of Benches being 191 on the former and 312 on the latter, as shown below :— Sittings.

Original Side.

	Days.	Benches.
Sittings of only one Judge...	99	99
„ 2 Judges separately and simultaneously ...	29	58
„ of one Judge in Insolvent Court	34	34
		191
Compare 1885		307
Average of 5 years		327

Appellate Side.

	Days.	Benches.
Sittings of one Judge for admission of cases and final disposal of petitions, &c....	48	51
„ of a bench of 2 Judges	110	110
„ of 2 benches of 2 Judges separately and simultaneously.	72	144
„ of a bench of 5 Judges	7	7
		312
Compare 1885		263
Average of 5 years		258

III.—The Litigation of the Presidency.

1.—ALL COURTS TOGETHER.

14. The total numbers, respectively, of original suits and appeals instituted throughout the Presidency in 1886 were 263,855 and 9,742, to which the various classes of Courts contributed as follows :— Aggregate litigation.

	Original Suits.	Percentage.	Appeals.	Percentage.
1. Village Munsifs' Courts	73,221	27·75	...	...
2. Revenue Courts	3,953	1·50	...	...
3. Cantonment Courts of Small Causes ...	699	0·26	...	...
4. Agency Courts	616	0·23	23	0·24
5. District Munsifs' Courts	142,304	53·94	...	...
6. Subordinate Judges' Courts	14,694	5·57	195	2·00
7. District Courts	762	0·29	7,991	82·02
8. Presidency Court of Small Causes ...	27,314	10·85	...	...
9. High Court...	292	0·11	1,533	15·74
Total...	263,855	100·00	9,742	100·00

Contributions of classes of Courts.

15. Excluding the Presidency Town, the largest contribution to the aggregate litigation of the Presidency was, as in 1885, made by Tanjore (13·07 per cent.) the next heaviest Districts being Madura (9·44), South Malabar (9·06) and Tinnevelly (7·37); the lightest being, as usual, Kurnool (1·27), Cuddapah (1·90) and Bellary (2·46). Judged by the ratio of population to suits, and excepting the Presidency Town (where one in every 15 inhabitants went to law), the most litigious Districts were, as in 1885, North Malabar (1 in 46), Tanjore (1 in 68), South Malabar (1 in 77), Madura (1 in 96) and Tinnevelly (1 in 98). The least litigious were, as usual, North Arcot (1 in 206) and the Ceded Districts (1 in 236). District contributions. Ratio of suits to population.

Comparison for three years.

16. In comparing the aggregate litigation of the Presidency for the past three years, the results may be summarized as follows :—

		1884.	1885.	1886.
1.	Suits before Village Munsifs	77,675	85,600	73,221
2.	Ordinary suits before Regular Courts in the mufassal.	69,682	70,002	64,725
3.	Small Causes before do. do. ...	82,403	84,407	98,303
4.	Small Causes in the Presidency Town	25,866	26,936	27,314
5.	Ordinary suits before the High Court	361	348	292
6.	Appeals before District and Subordinate Judges' Courts	6,855	7,978	8,209
7.	Appeals before the High Court	1,186	1,302	1,533
	Total ...	264,028	276,573	273,597

2.—VILLAGE MUNSIFS' COURTS.

Decrease in litigation.

17. With the usual reservation as to the reliability of the returns, the feature of village litigation in 1886 was the check which occurred in the progressive increase of institutions which had been going on year by year since 1883. The total number of suits filed in the Village Courts fell from 77,675 in 1884 and 85,600 in 1885 to 73,221 in 1886. The decrease occurred in 13 out of the 20 Districts, North Malabar (from 7,114 to 2,188) and South Malabar (from 8,789 to 4,035) alone accounting for nearly 10,000 of the nett reduction. No striking increase occurred anywhere, the contributions of the various Districts ranging from 11,917 in Madura, 11,778 in Tanjore, 5,694 in Tinnevelly and 5,666 in Coimbatore, down to 772 in Kurnool and 321 in Cuddapah.

District features.

Causes.

18. For the reasons fully stated in the special report on the working of the Village Munsifs' Courts (letter No. 2,014, dated 8th August 1887, to the Government), the High Court has been unable to determine, with any degree of precision, the causes which led to decreased institutions in so large a majority of the Districts. The suggestion of some District Judges that the decrease was due to parties finding their confidence in the Village Courts misplaced owing to a very general abuse, either from incompetence or corruption, of the extended pecuniary powers entrusted to the Village Munsifs under Madras Act IV of 1883, is at all events not supported by evidence that parties have, in consequence, preferred to undergo the expense and inconvenience of resort to the regular Courts having concurrent jurisdiction. Unfortunately, fairly accurate conclusions are rendered impracticable owing to the annual returns prior to 1886 not distinguishing suits between Rupees 10 and Rupees 20 in value: but the figures in the following comparative statement show that the decrease in village litigation in 1886 did not occur solely, or even disproportionately, in that particular grade of valuation; while the steady increase in small causes between Rupees 10 and Rupees 50 in value in the District Munsifs' Courts, despite variations first one way and then the other in similar causes in the Village Courts, goes to strengthen the inference drawn in last year's report that the bulk of the suits filed in the Village Courts are suits which would not in any case have been filed in the regular Courts and would not have been filed at all but for the proximity and cheapness of the Village Courts.

Comparative Statement of Small Causes Instituted.

	Not exceeding Rs. 10.			Exceeding Rs 10 and not exceeding Rs. 20.			Exceeding Rs. 10 and not exceeding Rs. 50.		
	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884.	1885.	1886.
In Village Courts.	61,751	58,035	50,499	Not known.		21,809	15,855	27,447	22,612
In District Munsifs' Courts	14,636	15,133	17,551	Not known.		20,489	54,339	54,996	58,881

3.—Regular Courts in the Mufassal.

A.—*Original Litigation.*

19. The total number of original suits, ordinary and small causes, instituted in the regular mufassal Courts, is compared for the past three years in the following table:— Total institutions.

Class of Courts.	Ordinary Suits.			Small Causes.			Total.			Proportion of contribution of each class of Courts to the total institutions of 1886.
	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884.	1885.	1886.	
Revenue Courts ...	3,951	4,188	3,953	...	...	...	3,951	4,188	3,953	2·42
Cantonment Courts of Small Causes.	...	...	...	536	647	699	536	647	699	0·43
Agency Courts ...	367	559	616	...	...	...	367	559	616	0·38
District Munsifs' Courts (including Magistrate-Munsifs)	64,443	64,240	59,129	68,981	70,129	83,175	133,424	134,369	142,304	87·29
Subordinate Judges' Courts ...	643	726	724	12,886	13,631	13,970	13,529	14,357	14,694	9·01
District Courts ...	278	289	303	...	...	459	278	289	762	0·47
Total ...	69,682	70,002	64,725	82,403	84,407	98,303	152,085	154,409	163,028	100·00

Except in the Revenue Courts, litigation continued to increase. The apparent decrease in ordinary suits on the District Munsifs' files was merely due to the transfer of money suits over Rupees 50 in value from the ordinary to the small cause files under the operation of the extended pecuniary powers exercised (*Vide* para. 4 *supra*) by 25 District Munsifs. That there was really a positive increase of both ordinary and small cause litigation in the Munsifs' Courts, quite independently of extended small cause jurisdiction, will be evident from the following comparison:— Continued increase of litigation.

Ordinary suits.	1885.	1886.	Difference.
Money suits	24,667	17,657	—7,010
Title and other suits ...	39,573	41,472	+1,899
Small Causes			
Under Rupees 50	70,129	76,432	+6,303
Over Rupees 50	,,	6,743	+6,743

20. Excluding Districts in which variations may be set down as wholly or mainly due to extended pecuniary jurisdiction in small causes, those which showed most change in regular litigation during 1886 as compared with 1885 were:— District variations.

	Increase.		Decrease.	
	O. S.	S. C.	O. S.	S. C.
Tinnevelly	676	507	...	...
Bellary	350	505	...	...
North Malabar	338	993	...	...
South Malabar	...	1,225	177	...
Tanjore	...	69	368	...

In Tinnevelly, the increase of ordinary suits occurred entirely in the Revenue (from 274 to 619) and District Munsifs' Courts: in Bellary, entirely in the latter, save for 4 suits in the District Court: and in North Malabar, entirely in the Munsifs' and Sub-Judges' Courts. In small causes, the increase occurred, except in North and South Malabar (where it occurred also in the Subordinate Judges' Courts) in the District Munsifs' Courts alone. In Tanjore, the decrease in ordinary suits was solely in the Revenue Courts (from 680 to 269): in South Malabar, in the Munsifs' and Subordinate Judges' Courts.

21. The amount of litigation in the Revenue Courts fell not only below the total of 1885 but even below that of 1884. In addition to Tanjore, the decrease was Revenue Courts.

marked in Madura (from 557 to 334) and Chingleput (713 to 594). By way of balance, there was an increase in Kistna (105 to 316) and Salem (239 to 388) as well as that already noticed in Tinnevelly. The explanations furnished mostly attribute the variations to the idiosyncracies of certain landlords. In Tanjore, for instance, the great decrease in Revenue suits is ascribed to the fact that the Zemindar of Gandrakotta, in a manner unusual in that estate, abstained from filing any suits against his tenants in 1886.

Cantonment Small Cause Courts and Agency Courts.

22. The insignificant increase which occurred in the Cantonment Courts of Small Causes and in the Agency Courts calls for no remark.

District Munsifs' Courts.

23. Eliminating Munsifs' Courts in which variation was mainly due to extended pecuniary powers in small causes, or to alterations in territorial jurisdiction (*Vide* Chap. I), the principal changes in the files of 1886 as compared with 1885 occurred in the marginally noted instances. The inequality with which litigation fell on the different Munsifs ranged from the cases of the Calicut (883 O. S. and 2,050 S. C.), Aska (1,094 O. S. and 864 S. C.), Paramakudi (905 O. S. and 925 S. C.) and Cuddalore (886 O. S. and 1,711 S. C.) Courts down to those at Kurnool (329 O. S. and 212 S. C.), Naraindevarkerai (376 O. S. and 106 S. C.), Kasaragod (355 O. S. and 183 S. C.), Shiyali (254 O. S. and 447 S. C.) and Vayitri (167 O. S. and 100 S. C.). The mere institution of suits, however, is calculated to convey so misleading an impression as to the real amount of work which falls upon individual Munsifs that it is only right to note that no District Munsif in the Presidency tried more than 464 contested ordinary suits or 430 contested small causes during the year. The contested litigation tried in 1886 ranged from that in the following Courts :—

Munsif's Court.	1885.	1886.	Difference.
Ordinary Suits.			
Aska	902	1,094	+192
Tirupatur	600	763	+163
Tellicherry	604	753	+149
Gooty	436	573	+137
Sivaganga	580	717	+137
Tiruvallur.	775	533	—242
Tirukoilur	828	703	—125
Small Causes			
Calicut	1,419	2,050	+631
Tirumangalam	484	869	+385
Bezvada	1,014	1,316	+302
Tirupatur	542	802	+260
Badagara	1,327	1,584	+257
Tirupati	461	712	+251
Patukota	652	471	—181
Sivaganga	836	711	—125

Contested litigation.

	Ordinary Suits.	Small Causes.
Calicut	464	423
Nadapuram	450	376
Badagara	445	330
Tellicherry	397	423
Tekkali	389	331
and Nellore	334	408

down to the following :—

Salem	140	150
Mannargudi	120	163
Bimlipatam	113	82
Chittoor	113	74
Naraindevarkerai	110	11
Kurnool	107	47
Mayavaram	105	100
Nandalur	101	46
Cumbum	95	48
Shiyali	89	110
Cuddapah	74	122
Bellary	70	90
and Vayitri	69	28

Perhaps the best idea of the extent to which litigation involving real work falls upon the 106 regular District Munsifs (excluding Magistrates exercising the powers of Munsifs) may be obtained from the following figures:—

Number of Munsifs who in 1886 tried

	Ordinary Suits.	Small Causes.
(a). More than 400 contested... ...	3	4
(b). Between 300 and 400 contested ...	18	5
(c). Between 200 and 300 contested ...	37	18
(d). Between 100 and 200 contested ...	43	48
(e). Less than 100 contested	5	31
	106	106

The averages in the regular Munsifs' Courts in 1886 were:— Averages.

	Ordinary Suits.	Small Causes.
Institutions	554	783
Contested trials	225	155

24. The total number of ordinary suits instituted in the Subordinate Judges' Courts was only 2 less than in 1885, eight of the Courts showing an increase and seven a decrease in their files. The greatest variations were in the Cocanada (+30) and Ootacamund (—24) Courts. In small causes, the total institutions were 339 more than in 1885, the chief variations occurring in the Cocanada (+247), Ellore (+220), Mangalore (—104) and Ootacamund (—99) Courts. Nine Sub-Courts showed a decrease, and six an increase, in small causes. The average institutions in 1886 came to 48 ordinary suits and 931 small causes: and the aggregates varied from Subordinate Judges' Courts.

	Ordinary Suits.	Small Causes.
Negapatam...	46	1,462
Kumbakonam	52	1,419
Cocanada	55	1,027
Tellicherry	46	1,314
down to		
Calicut	33	896
Madura (West)	39	798
Mangalore	40	271

25. The total ordinary litigation in the District Courts continued to increase, though in 10 of the 20 Courts there was actually a decrease as compared with 1885. The chief variations occurred in Kistna, Vizagapatam (each 16 more) and Coimbatore (13 less). For the first time, a small cause side was created (*Vide* para. 4 *supra*) in six selected Courts with the following results:— District Courts.

	Total institutions.
Cuddapah District Court	114
Ganjam " "	97
Nellore " "	95
Trichinopoly " "	92
Chingleput " "	50
and Salem " "	11

The small number in Salem is accounted for by the fact that the District Judge's small cause jurisdiction extends only to the Municipal limits of the Town of Salem, whereas in each of the other instances, it embraces the whole of the head-quarter Munsifi.

Subject matter of suits.

26. Excluding Revenue Courts, where all suits were under Act VIII of 1865, the suits instituted in the regular mufassal Courts are classified below according to their nature:—

	Suits for money or movable property.		Title and other suits.			
	Small causes.	Ordinary Suits.	Suits for immovable property.	Suits for declaration of rights to real property, pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Other Suits.	Total.
Cantonment Courts of Small Causes	699	...	...	...	...	699
Agency Courts	...	558	45	4	9	616
District Munsifs' Courts ...	83,175	17,657	20,568	16,591	4,313	142,304
Subordinate Judges' Courts	13,970	215	125	131	253	14,694
District Courts	459	65	57	46	135	762
Total ...	98,303	18,495	20,795	16,772	4,710	159,075
Compare 1885 ...	84,407	25,478	19,234	16,638	4,464	150,221

In Revenue Courts, the classification was as follows:—

		1885.	1886.
(1)	Suits for Puttahs and Muchilikas	2,542	2,354
(2)	„ relating to distraints	1,352	1,416
(3)	„ for damages for extortion, &c... ...	123	81
(4)	„ for ejectment	107	52
(5)	Other suits	59	50
	Total ...	4,188	3,953

The satisfactory decrease in suits for the exchange of puttahs and muchilikas, noticed in last year's report, was continued in 1886, and occurred chiefly in Tanjore (from 642 to 205). An increase in distraint suits was counterbalanced by a decrease in suits for ejectment.

Value of Suits.

27. The statement in the margin gives the aggregate and average values of such of the suits instituted in each class of Courts as admitted of valuation as compared with 1885. The decrease in the value of ordinary suits in the Subordinate Judges' Courts was owing to the institution, in 1885, of 3 suits of large value (42½ lakhs) in the Madura (East) Court. The increase in the District Courts was due to the institution of 6 suits (aggregating 19½ lakhs) as against only 3 heavy suits (aggregating 12½ lakhs) in 1885.

Ordinary Suits.	Aggregate value.		Average value.	
	1885	1886	1885.	1886
Revenue Courts ...	1,97,179	1,96 414	47	50
Agency Courts ...	1,28,858	4,83,675	233	791
District Munsifs' Courts ...	1,11,88,851	1,05,26,666	176	181
Subordinate Judges' Courts.	80,26,121	74,10,586	11,288	10,292
District Courts ...	26,55,440	35,37,317	10,332	12,863
Small Causes				
Cantonment Courts of Small Causes	22,559	23,426	35	33
District Munsifs' Courts .	15,95,912	23,42,105	23	28
Subordinate Judges' Courts.	19,51,136	19 58,141	143	140
District Courts	.	1,21,316	...	264

B.—Appellate Litigation.

Comparison for 3 years.

28. The total number of appeals, regular and miscellaneous, instituted in the mufassal Courts is compared for the past three years in the following table:—

	Appeals from decrees.			Miscellaneous Appeals.		
	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884.	1885.	1886.
1. Agency Courts.	17	20	23	...	...	2
2. Subordinate Judges' Courts ...	87	128	195	1	1	...
3. District Courts ...	6,751	7,830	7,991	519	568	561
Total ...	6,855	7,978	8,209	520	569	563

The number of appeals against decrees instituted in 1886 was the highest on record and was made up as follows:—

		Compare 1885.
From decrees of District Munsifs	7,178	6,999
„ Revenue Courts	789	826
„ Subordinate Judges	219	133
„ Subordinate Agency Courts	23	20
	8,209	7,978

The transfer of large numbers of suits from the ordinary to the small cause files of the District Munsifs' Courts had no effect in reducing appeals. The 195 appeals instituted in Subordinate Judges' Courts in 1886 were all filed in the Cocanada Sub-Court which alone, of this class of Courts, has power to receive appeals.

29. The nett increase of 231 appeals from decrees in 1886 is the result of increase in 8 as against decrease in 11 Districts, the chief variations being those noted in the margin. The difference in Tanjore and North Arcot occurred almost entirely in rent appeals under Act VIII of 1865 : and in Tinnevelly and Madura in title suits. The decrease in South Malabar was entirely in money suits and suits relating to movable property. District variations.

	1885.	1886	Difference.
Tanjore ...	600	951	+ 351
Tinnevelly ...	540	684	+ 144
Ganjam ...	226	318	+ 92
North Malabar...	679	756	+ 77
North Arcot ...	360	238	— 122
Madura ...	638	548	— 90
South Malabar...	1,029	965	— 64

The Districts in which appellate litigation was heaviest were South Malabar (965), Tanjore (951), North Malabar (756), Godavari (697) and Tinnevelly (684). The lightest Districts were Coimbatore (236), Nellore (222), Bellary (148), Cuddapah (138) and Kurnool (94).

30. The mufassal appellate litigation of 1886 is classified according to subject-matter in the following table and compared with results in 1885 :— Subject-matter o appeals.

	In suits for money or movable property.		In title and other suits.		In suits under the Rent Recovery Act.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
1. Agency Courts	9	15	11	4	...	4
2. Subordinate Judges' Courts.	10	10	118	185	...	...
3. District Courts	1,702	1,523	5,302	5,679	826	789
Total...	1,721	1,548	5,431	5,868	826	793

31. The aggregate and average values of mufassal appeals are compared in the following table :— Value of appeals.

	Aggregate value.		Average value.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Agency Courts	3,069	5,636	219	256
Subordinate Judges' Courts ...	34,539	39,820	270	204
District Courts	16,14,691	16,90,086	218	222
Total Rupees...	16,52,299	17,35,542	219	221

4.—Presidency Court of Small Causes.

Original Litigation.

32. The number of suits instituted in the Presidency Court of Small Causes in 1886 comprised 27,132 small causes and 182 summary suits on negotiable instruments under Chapter XXXIX of the Civil Procedure Code. Institutions.

Litigation for the past three years is compared in the following table :— Comparison for 3 years.

	1884.	1885.	1886.
Small causes	25,456	26,631	27,132
Summary suits	410	305	182
Total...	25,866	26,936	27,314

The annual increase since 1882, when the present Act came into force, continues. The number of small causes shown above includes 492 applications under Section 41 of Act XV of 1882, all of which related to real property below Rupees 500 in value.

Subject-matter of suits.

33. Deducting such applications, the remaining 26,640 small causes and 182 summary suits are distributed according to their subject-matter and are compared with the institutions of 1884 and 1885 in the following table :—

	1884.	1885.	1886.
On written obligation	9,050	9,855	9,950
On unwritten obligation...	3,514	3,353	1,312
For rent	2,052	1,992	2,031
For movable property or its value ...	362	462	360
For damages	46	76	105
Other suits	10,467	10,659	13,064
Total ...	25,491	26,397	26,822

The decrease in suits on verbal contracts was very marked.

Value of suits.

34. The aggregate and average values of suits are compared for three years in the following table :—

	Aggregate value.			Average value.		
	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884.	1885.	1886.
Small causes ...	10,22,653	11,09,949	11,84,804	40	42	44
Summary suits ...	86,848	45,615	28,500	212	150	156
Total Rs.	11,09,501	11,55,564	12,13,304	42	43	45

5.—HIGH COURT.

A.—Original Litigation.

Total institutions.

35. The total number of suits instituted in the High Court in 1886 was 292, of which 8 were summary suits on negotiable instruments filed under Chapter XXXIX of the Civil Procedure Code. The files have been steadily decreasing since 1882 as appears from the following table :—

	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.
Ordinary suits	398	389	354	338	282
Testamentary ,, ...	5	7	7	5	9
Matrimonial ,, ...	4	2	...	5	1
Total ...	407	393	361	348	292

Subject matter of suits

36. The 292 suits instituted in 1886 are distributed according to their subject-matter and compared with the institutions of 1885, in the following table :—

	1885.	1886.
Suits for immovable property	29	20
Suits for declaratory decrees	10	19
Other suits under the Specific Relief Act	8	5
Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	85	69
,, to declare and establish personal rights	6	1
,, for an account	27	15
,, relating to religious endowments	2	4
,, for dissolution of marriage	5	1
Suit for enforcement of matrimonial rights	1	1
Suits for partition	25	18
Suit relating to shipping	1	...
Administration suits	5	2
Suits for dissolution of partnership	10	7
,, under § 261, Indian Succession Act, and under the Hindu Wills Act	5	10
,, for specific money claims	107	94
Other suits	22	26
Total...	348	292

37. The aggregate and average valuation of suits in the High Court is compared for five years in the following statement :— Value.

		1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.
Aggregate value ...	Rs.	23,82,000	43,39,500	26,80,600	20,58,916	32,85,736
Average value ...	,,	6,770	11,330	7,509	6,675	12,080

Though less in quantity, litigation was, in value, nearly double the average of 1885.

In the margin, the suits of 1885 and 1886 are distributed according to grades of value. Of the suits below Rupees 2,000 in value, 13 were *primâ facie* cognizable by the Presidency Court of Small Causes, but were instituted in the High Court, as against 19 of the same class in 1885.

		1885.	1886.
Not exceeding Rs. ...	500	36	25
,, ...	1,000	39	31
,, ...	2,000	44	40
,, ...	2,500	22	23
,, ...	5,000	72	75
,, ...	10,000	44	34
,, ...	1,00,000	42	40
Exceeding	,, ...	3	4
Not admitting of valuation	... ...	46	20
		348	292

B.—*Appellate Litigation.*

38. The total number of appeals instituted in the High Court for the last five years is compared in the following table :— Total institutions and comparison for 5 years.

1. *Appeals from decrees.*

	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.
First appeals from a Division Bench ...	24	16	21	31	28
Do. from mufassal Courts ...	162	157	124	156	158
Second appeals from do. ...	1,084	1,178	1,041	1,115	1,352

2. *Appeals from orders.*

First appeals from a Single-Judge Bench	11	18	39	23	10
Do. from mufassal Courts ..	161	178	136	207	169
Second appeals from do. ...	40	61	45	38	66
Total ...	1,482	1,608	1,406	1,570	1,778

The increase in second appeals from decrees and orders in 1886 was very marked.

39. Appeals from mufassal Courts to the High Court are distributed in the following statement according to the classes of Courts whose judgments were the subject of appeal :— Mufassal judgments appealed against.

	District Courts.		Subordinate Judges' Courts.		District Munsifs' Courts.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
First appeals from decrees ...	88	67	68	91	...	...
Second do. ...	718	866	397	486	...	...
First appeals from orders	116	90	61	48	30	31
Second do. ...	38	61	...	5	...	...
Total...	960	1,084	526	630	30	31

The decrease of first appeals from decrees of District Courts occurred chiefly in Vizagapatam (7), Chingleput (6), Salem (5) and Trichinopoly (5) in all of which, excepting Chingleput, there was a corresponding decrease in the number of original suits disposed of by the District Judges. The increase of first appeals from decrees of Subordinate Judges occurred in the Ellore (16) and Tinnevelly (6) Courts, in the former of which the apparent increase comprised a batch of 17 connected appeals; and in the latter of which the Subordinate Judge disposed of 28 more original suits than in 1885. Variations.

The three Districts which contributed most to the striking increase in second appeals were Chingleput (85), South Malabar (70) and Godavari (39). In Chingleput, three batches of rent appeals, altogether 50 in number, against connected decisions, explain most of the increase: in South Malabar, the number of first appeals disposed of in 1886 was 158 more than in 1885.

Subject matter of appeals.

40. The first and second appeals from decrees are distributed in the margin according to the classes of suits out of which they arose. Notwithstanding the extended small cause jurisdiction conferred on many District Munsifs, the number of money decrees which eventually found their way, in second appeal, to the High Court, was more than double the number in 1885.

	1st Appeals.		2nd Appeals.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Suits for money or movables ...	44	46	83	207
Suits under Rent Recovery Act ...	...	...	106	92
Title and other suits	143	135	926	1,053
	187	181	1,115	1,352

Appeals against orders.

Of first appeals from orders,

59 were against orders in execution,
12 " remand orders,
20 " orders relating to heirship certificates,
and 78 " miscellaneous orders.
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All the second appeals from orders arose out of execution proceedings.

Value.

41. The first and second appeals instituted during the year are distributed in the following table according to their value:—

	1st Appeals.		2nd Appeals.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Not exceeding 10 Rupees	...	...	61	96
" 50 "	...	1	262	286
" 100 "	1	3	155	204
" 500 "	10	22	324	391
" 1,000 "	10	20	95	121
" 2,500 "	21	20	71	73
" 5,000 "	41	29	11	14
" 10,000 "	26	17	1	...
" 1,00,000 "	20	25	...	...
Exceeding " "	2	5	...	...
Not admitting of value. ...	56	39	135	167
	187	181	1,115	1,352

In second appeals, there was an increase in every grade of value. The aggregate value of first and second appeals was Rupees 43,57,530 and Rupees 3,60,820 respectively, the average per appeal being Rupees 30,687 and Rupees 304 against Rupees 28,247 and Rupees 322 in 1885 and Rupees 11,542 and Rupees 361 in 1884. The high average in first appeals was owing to the institution of 5 appeals of over a lakh each in value as against 2 such appeals in 1885. Of these 5 appeals one, valued at Rupees 25,80,019, was to recover a moiety of the Ettiapuram Zemindari in the Tinnevelly District.

Recapitulation of chief features of litigation in 1886.

42. To recapitulate, the salient features of litigation in 1886 were (1) a remarkable reaction, difficult to explain apart from sheer incompleteness of the returns, in the hitherto annually-increasing numbers of suits filed in the Village Courts: (2) a continued increase of litigation in the District Munsifs' Courts, in land as well as in money suits, accompanied by a remarkable transfer of the latter class from the ordinary to the small cause files in consequence of the investiture of 25 District Munsifs with extended small cause powers: (3) a continued increase, notwithstanding this large transfer of suits to the small cause files, in the number of appeals instituted in the mufassal Courts as well as on second appeal in the High Court: and (4) steadily increasing litigation in the Presidency Small Cause Court in Madras, accompanied by steadily decreasing litigation on the Original Side of the High Court.

IV.—Business in the Courts.

1.—VILLAGE MUNSIFS' COURTS.

43. Including 8,150 suits pending at the commencement of 1886 (the difference between this figure and the 7,737 shown as pending in last year's report being due to the receipt in 1886 of returns from certain Munsifs who omitted to submit returns at all in 1885) as well as those received by remand or re-admitted and excluding transfers, the total number of suits for disposal by Village Munsifs during the year was 81,481, of which 72,642 were disposed of, leaving 8,839 pending at the close of the year. Total suits for disposal.

44. This result compares unfavorably with those of the two preceding years :— Comparison of work for 3 years.

	1884.	1885.	1886.
For disposal...	82,929	92,237	81,481
Disposed of	75,564	84,500	72,642
Pending	7,365	7,737	8,839

The heaviest arrears were in Madura, Coimbatore and Tanjore. The average number of suits decided by each Court continued to fall—from 25·4 in 1884 and 23·6 in 1885, to 20·6 in 1886.

45. The method of disposal is shown in the following table :— Method of disposal.

		Number.	Percentage.
Without trial		12,210	16·81
Without contest	Compromised	15,458	
	Decreed on confession ...	17,130	
	„ *ex-parte* ...	15,710	
	Dismissed *ex-parte*	1,923	
		50,221	69·13
After contest	Decreed for plaintiff ...	7,386	
	„ for defendant ...	2,014	
	„ on oath or arbitration	811	
		10,211	14·06
Total ...		72,642	100·00

46. In the special report on the working of the Village Munsifs' Courts, to which reference has already been made (*Vide* para. 18 *supra*), the High Court's reasons have been given for the conclusion that, notwithstanding the very unfavorable opinions expressed by several District Judges, the officers presiding over the Village Courts are not proved to be, as a rule, incompetent or corrupt in the settlement of the petty cases which they have to decide. Quality of work.

2.—REGULAR COURTS IN THE MUFASSAL.

A.—*Original Jurisdiction.*

(i).—SUITS.

47. Statements C_2 and F in the Appendix deal with all Regular Mufassal Courts taken together. Statements C_3 and I_1 specially exhibit the working of the Reve- Preliminary.

nue Courts; Statements C_4 and I_2 of the District Munsifs' Courts; Statements C_5 and I_3 of the Subordinate Judges' Courts and Statements C_6 and I_4 of the District Courts.

Number disposed of.

48. The number of suits disposed of by Regular Courts in the mufassal during 1886 was as follows:—

		Pending at the begining of 1886.	For disposal in 1886.	Disposed of in 1886.	Pending at the end of 1886.
Ordinary suits.	Revenue Courts	1,554	5,829	4,384	1,445
	Agency Courts	162	809	661	148
	District Munsifs' Courts ...	19,572*	80,041	60,946	19,095
	Subordinate Judges' Courts ...	458	1,249	767	482
	District Courts	184	507	276	231
	Total...	21,930	88,435	67,034	21,401
Small causes	Cantonment Courts	78	777	646	131
	District Munsifs' Courts ...	6,175	90,881	83,223	7,658
	Subordinate Judges' Courts ...	2,113	16,372	14,167	2,205
	District Courts	...	442	334	108
	Total...	8,366	108,472	98,370	10,102
	Grand Total...	30,296	196,907	165,404	31,503

Percentage.

The number "for disposal" includes suits remanded or re-admitted on the files during the year. The percentage of disposal was 75·80 in ordinary suits and 90·68 in small causes, as against 76·86 and 91·03 in 1885, and 76·15 and 91·88 in 1884. Notwithstanding the increase of litigation in 1886, the Regular Mufassal Courts were able to reduce the arrears of ordinary suits, while nearly keeping pace with the great influx of small causes, the total result being that the number of original suits of all kinds pending at the end of 1886 was only 1,207 more than the number pending at its commencement. In both classes of suits, the number disposed of exceeded the number filed within the year. In ordinary suits, the excess of disposals over institutions was especially marked in the Districts of Godavari (711 in excess), Tanjore (529) and Trichinopoly (493).

Comparison for 3 years.

49. The work done in each of the past three years is compared in the following table:—

		For disposal.			Disposed of.		
		1884.	1885.	1886.	1884.	1885.	1886.
Ordinary suits.	Revenue Courts	5,916	5,906	5,829	4,488	4,352	4,384
	Agency Courts	513	714	809	358	552	661
	District Munsifs' Courts ...	85,438	86,058	80,041	65,202	66,482	60,946
	Subordinate Judges' Courts...	1,197	1,197	1,249	795	739	767
	District Courts	487	504	507	289	320	276
	Total...	93,551	94,379	88,435	71,132	72,445	67,034
Small causes.	Cantonment Courts ...	567	723	777	491	645	646
	District Munsifs' Courts ...	75,663	76,621	90,881	70,294	70,446	83,223
	Subordinate Judges' Courts...	15,068	15,871	16,372	13,096	13,758	14,167
	District Courts	...	...	442	...	...	334
	Total ...	91,298	93,215	108,472	83,881	84,849	98,370

* The difference between this figure and that in the report for 1885 is due to certain errors in the returns of the District Munsifs of Gooty, Tiruvadi and Kulitalai for that year.

50. Excluding Districts in which results were affected by the extension of small cause pecuniary jurisdiction, the variations in the figures of the past two years, as regards disposals, were most marked in the following Districts :— District variations.

Increase.				Decrease.			
Ordinary suits.		Small causes.		Ordinary suits.		Small causes.	
North Malabar ...	739	S. Malabar ...	1,412	S. Malabar ...	679	...	
Tanjore ...	352	N. Malabar ...	1,275	Kurnool ...	326	...	
Bellary ...	290						

The large increase in the disposal of ordinary suits in North Malabar occurred chiefly in the Courts of the District Munsifs of Nadapuram and Kavvayi. In Tanjore, the Revenue Courts disposed of 246 suits more than in 1885. The increase in the disposal of small causes was common to all Districts, except Kurnool. The decrease in the disposal of ordinary suits in South Malabar was counterbalanced by an increase in the disposal of small causes. Causes of variation.

51. The statement in the margin compares the number of ordinary suits pending on the files of the Courts at the end of 1885 and 1886 respectively. Arrears increased only in the Courts of Subordinate and District Judges. In the former class, arrears increased chiefly in the Courts at Cocanada (from 21 to 39), Cochin 28 to 46), Madura West (31 to 38) and Tanjore (32 to 38). In the District Courts the increase occurred principally at Vizagapatam (16 to 37), Salem (19 to 30), Trichinopoly (11 to 20) and Kistna (7 to 16). The District Judges of Coimbatore and Chingleput, and the Subordinate Judges of Tinnevelly, Mangalore and Calicut reduced arrears in their Courts. Exceptions to the general rule of reduction in pending suits in the District Munsifs' Courts occurred in the cases of the Tirumangalam and Sivaganga Munsifs. But in every class of regular mufassal Courts there was an increase in number of suits pending over a year, the total being half as many again as at the end of 1885. Arrears. District variations.

	Total pending.		Pending over a year.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Agency Courts...	162	148	14	27
District Munsifs' Courts... ...	19,576	19,095	528	771
Sub-Judges' Courts	458	482	62	68
District Courts	184	231	26	37
Total ...	20,380	19,956	630	903

In small causes there was an increase both in general and in old-standing arrears in all classes of mufassal Courts. The decrease in arrears of Revenue suits was due less to reduced institutions than to the fact that the Deputy Collector of Tanjore reduced his file of arrears from 635 to 16 suits in the year. Small Causes. Revenue Suits.

	Total pending.		Pending over 3 months.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Cantonment Small Cause Courts ...	78	131	5	42
District Munsifs' Courts	6,175	7,658	207	369
Sub-Judges' Courts	2,113	2,205	266	305
Revenue Courts	1,554	1,445	1,189	885
District Courts	...	108	...	22

52. The statement below exhibits the particulars of the disposal of suits in the several classes of Courts during the past two years :— Particulars of disposal.

		Without trial.		Uncontested.		Contested.	
		1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Revenue Courts	O. S.	649	862	1,245	897	2,458	2,025
Cantonment Small Cause Courts	S. C.	36	50	515	467	94	129
Agency Courts	O. S.	125	121	279	388	148	152
District Munsifs' Courts...	O. S.	8,172	7,713	32,047	28,401	26,263	24,832
	S. C.	13,049	15,745	41,959	49,416	15,438	18,062
Subordinate Judges' Courts	O. S.	66	116	244	221	429	430
	S. C.	1,525	1,658	7,926	8,385	4,307	4,124
District Courts	O. S.	53	46	84	87	183	143
	S. C.	...	57	...	178	...	99
Total...	O. S.	9,065	8,858	33,899	29,994	29,481	28,182
	S. C.	14,610	17,510	50,400	58,446	19,839	22,414
Grand Total...		23,675	26,368	84,299	88,440	49,320	50,596

Of the total number disposed of, 42·04 per cent. of ordinary suits and 22·78 per cent. of small causes were contested, as against 40·70 and 23·38 per cent. respectively, in 1885. Variations in classes of Courts.

Contested suits.

53. The proportion of contested suits was the highest in the following Districts:—

	Ordinary suits.	Small causes.
North Malabar	56·20	25·36
South Canara	54·31	30·59
Godavari	53·14	25·89
South Malabar	49·94	28·44
Ganjam	46·73	27·39
Tanjore	43·88	19·26

Variations.

The results of these contested suits are given below according to the classes of Courts:—

		Decreed for plaintiff.	Decreed for defendant	Decided on oath or arbitration. For plaintiff.	Decided on oath or arbitration. For defendant.
Revenue Courts	O. S.	1,835	783	1	6
Cantonment Small Cause Courts.	S. C.	109	20	...	...
Agency Courts	O. S.	68	38	29	17
District Munsifs' Courts ...	O. S.	17,757	6,749	551	375
	S. C.	12,413	4,057	660	932
Sub-Judges' Courts ...	O. S.	273	122	35	...
	S. C.	2,947	954	111	112
District Courts	O. S.	72	66	5	...
	S. C.	59	39	...	1
Total...	O. S.	20,005	7,158	621	398
	S. C.	15,528	5,070	771	1,045
Grand Total...		35,533	12,228	1,392	1,443

Uncontested suits.

54. The uncontested suits in the several classes of Courts are detailed below according to the mode of their determination:—

		For plaintiff. Compromised.	For plaintiff. Confessed.	For plaintiff. Decreed *ex-parte*.	For defendant. Dismissed *ex-parte*.
Revenue Courts ...	O. S. ...	307	84	175	331
Cant. Small Cause Courts ...	S. C. ...	124	83	236	24
Agency Courts ...	O. S. ...	110	148	112	18
District Munsifs' Courts	O. S. ...	11,086	3,916	12,554	845
	S. C. ...	16,693	6,868	24,600	1,315
Sub-Judges' Courts ...	O. S. ...	107	45	67	2
	S. C. ...	2,769	958	4,577	81
District Courts ...	O. S. ...	56	13	16	2
	S. C. ...	65	32	80	1
Total...	O. S ...	11,666	4,206	12,924	1,198
	S. C. ...	19,651	7,981	29,493	1,421
Grand Total...	...	31,317	12,087	42,417	2,619

Of the total number of cases (both ordinary and small causes) disposed of, 18·92 per cent. were determined by compromise, and 7·30 per cent. by confession, and 25·64 per cent. were decreed *ex-parte* and 1·58 dismissed *ex-parte*. The number of suits compromised out of the total disposed of was largest in Tinnevelly (39 per cent.), North Malabar (27), Madura (22·78) and Tanjore (22·64).

Percentage of suits won by plaintiff.

55. The percentage of suits decided in favor of plaintiff to the total disposed of, was

	1885.	1886.
in ordinary suits	75·76	75·05
„ small causes	74·49	74·54
„ revenue suits	58·29	54·79

56. Tested by promptitude of disposal, the quality of work done in the several classes of Courts is compared in the following table of the average duration of cases in days :— Quality of work done.

Ordinary suits.	Uncontested.		Contested.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Revenue Courts, ...	94 days	65 days.	151 days.	148 days.
Agency Courts ...	70 „	99 „	119 „	163 „
District Munsifs' Courts ...	75 „	71 „	171 „	162 „
Subordinate Judges' Courts . .	106 „	128 „	248 „	270 „
District Courts ...	223 „	190 „	245 „	256 „
Small causes.				
Cantonment Small Cause Courts ...	9 „	8 „	13 „	10 „
District Munsifs' Courts ...	32 „	35 „	46 „	50 „
Subordinate Judges' Courts ...	60 „	55 „	81 „	85 „
District Courts ...	...	58 „	...	95 „

57. Tested by the results of appeal, the quality of work done in the regular mufassal Courts is compared in the following table :— Appeal test.

	Revenue Courts.	Agency Courts.	District Munsifs' Courts	Subordinate Judges' Courts.	District Courts.
Appealable decrees passed ...	2,850	153	29 236	478	156
Appeals preferred to District Courts.	789	23	7,178*	219	...
Appeals decided by do. ...	589	22	6,486*	155	...
Decisions affirmed by do.	291	16	4,036*	77	...
First appeals to High Court ...	...	...	...	91	67
Do. decided	...	...	...	28	59
Decisions affirmed	...	...	...	17	35
District Courts. Percentage of appeals to appealable decrees ..	27·68	15·03	24·55	64·50	...
District Courts. Percentage of decisions affirmed	49·40	72 72	62·22	65·46	...
High Court. Percentage of appeals to appealable decrees ...	...	...	...	27·54	47·18
High Court. Percentage of decisions affirmed	...	...	...	60·71	59·32

The percentage (27·68) of appeals to appealable decrees passed by Revenue Courts was lower than in 1885 (31·43). In Tinnevelly, Tanjore, Madura and South Arcot, the percentage in 1886 was, however, more than a third. In Districts where comparatively a large number of rent appeals was decided, the percentage of confirmation was the highest in Madura (69·42) and Chingleput (68·42). Revenue Courts.

Nearly 13 per cent. of the appealable decrees passed by Agency Munsifs were appealed against. The percentage of decrees confirmed to appeals decided was highest in Vizagapatam Agency (87·50) and lowest in Ganjam Agency (42·86). Agency Courts.

The proportion of appeals to appealable decrees passed by the District Munsifs' Courts was highest in Chingleput (41·72), Godavari (37·66), South Canara (35·02), Tinnevelly (34·80) and Salem (33·68); and lowest in North Arcot (13·10), Kurnool (13·70) and Cuddapah (14·82). The percentage of confirmation was highest in Cuddapah (80·00), Kurnool (78·99), Vizagapatam (74·07), Coimbatore (71·91) and Chingleput (70·90); and lowest in Ganjam (34·37) and Salem (53·59). District Munsifs' Courts.

In the case of District Munsifs' decisions, the proportion of confirmation and interference on appeal by Subordinate Judges and District Judges was almost the same, as appears from the following table :—

	Total decided.	Confirmed.	Disturbed.
By District Judges ...	4,125	2,565	1,560
By Subordinate Judges ...	2,361	1,471	890

* Include appeals in Subordinate Judges' Courts.

Subordinate Judges' Courts.

The proportion of appeals from Subordinate Judges' decisions was 22 per cent. more than in 1885. The percentage of appeal was highest in the cases of the Subordinate Judges' Courts at Calicut, Tellicherry, Madura (West) and Kumbakonam. The percentage of confirmation by District Courts was highest in the cases of the Subordinate Judges' Courts of Tinnevelly (100), Palghat and Tellicherry (81), Kumbakonam (75) and Cochin (66); and lowest in the Nilgiris (10) and Tadpatri (14).

Every decision appealed from the Sub-Courts at Calicut, Tellicherry and Kumbakonam to the High Court was confirmed.

District Courts.

The same result was attained in the case of the District Courts of Ganjam, Nellore, Kistna and North Arcot. Four out of the five first appeals from Chingleput were interfered with by the High Court.

Results compared with 1885.

58. Excluding appeals not dealt with on the merits, more than 60 per cent. (4,381 out of 7,188) resulted in the decrees of the lower mufassal Courts being confirmed. There was a slight increase in the percentage of cases in which the appellate Courts remanded suits for retrial on the merits, viz., from 6 to 6·50 per cent. Taking all Courts together, the percentage of confirmation was very good in Cuddapah (80·00), Kurnool (78·29), Vizagapatam (76·66) and Chingleput (74·59). The results on the whole were better in 1885 than in 1885.

(ii).—EXECUTION.

Number of applications for execution.

59. The marginal statement shows the number of applications for execution of decrees received, disposed of and pending in the several classes of Courts. The total institutions in the year exceeded those in 1885 in all classes of Courts except the Cantonment Small Cause Courts, and the total disposed of exceeded the total instituted, which is satisfactory. The percentage of arrears also compares favourably with 1885 in all classes of Courts except the Revenue Courts where there was a slight increase. In respect of the pendency of old applications there was also an improvement in all classes of Courts.

	Received	For disposal.	Disposed of	Pending	Procentage of arrears to total for disposal.
Revenue Courts	341	394	335	59	14·97
Cantonment Small Cause Courts ..	182	184	183	1	0 54
Agency Courts	230	362	290	72	19 88
District Munsifs' Courts ...	135,737	153,674	137,316	16,358	10 64
Subordinate Judges' Courts ...	14,047	15,939	14,086	1,853	11·62
District Courts	961	1,251	987	264	21 10
Total ..	151,498	171,804	153,197	18,607	10 83
Compare 1885 ...	142,532	163,175	144,061	19,114	11·71

Method of disposal.

60. Of 153,197 applications disposed of, 51,959 were withdrawn or not prosecuted, &c. The result of the execution proceedings in the remainder is shown below:—

	Satisfaction obtained. In full.	Satisfaction obtained. In part.	Infructuous.
Revenue Courts	302	...	13
Cantonment Small Cause Courts ..	161	6	5
Agency Courts...	75	45	12
District Munsifs' Courts... ...	27,583	17,010	45,879
Subordinate Judges' Courts ...	2,613	1,381	5,589
District Courts	237	133	194
Total ..	30,971	18,575	51,692
Compare 1885 ...	29,535	17,499	50,351

The increase in cases of complete satisfaction was noticeable in Revenue Courts and in Cantonment Small Cause Courts. The proportion of infructuous cases was very large in Subordinate Judges' Courts and District Munsifs' Courts. The explanation is probably the same as that given in para. 73 of last year's report.

61. The extent to which coercive measures were resorted to by the several Courts is shown below :— Coercive processes.

	Imprisonment.	Property sold. Movable.	Property sold. Immovable.	Possession given.	Partition effected.	Specific performance enforced.
Revenue Courts	...	3	1	123	...	6
Cantonment Small Cause Courts	29	15	...	...	...	...
Agency Courts	...	48	4	9	...	...
District Munsifs' Courts ...	845	1,716	7,665	6,762	44	47
Subordinate Judges' Courts.	161	328	229	94	5	21
District Courts ...	2	15	55	39	3	2
Total ...	997	2,125	7,954	7,027	52	76
Compare 1885 ...	887	2,211	7,342	6,768	109	63

There was a slight increase in cases of imprisonment, sales of immovable property, giving of possession and enforcement of specific performance. In partition cases, the decrease was more than 50 per cent. In 13,136 cases, the body of the judgment-debtor or his movable or immovable property was arrested or attached, but nothing further was done. In 396 cases, the judgment-debtor's immovable property was dealt with under Section 305, 322 or 326 of the Civil Procedure Code. In 9,598 cases, 10,013 judgment-debtors were arrested; but in only 997 cases, 1,074 judgment-debtors were imprisoned, of whom 406 persons owed divers sums not exceeding Rupees 50 and 668 owed sums exceeding that figure. Their average detention in jail was 16 and 30 days respectively. The largest number imprisoned was in Tanjore (131) and the smallest in Nellore (9). Particulars.

	With process. 1885.	With process. 1886.	Without process. 1885.	Without process. 1886.
Revenue Courts	2,253	1,964	386	293
Cantonment Small Cause Courts...	1,654	1,807	1,944	2,328
Agency Courts	3,164	4,801	880	1,124
District Munsifs' Courts	20,07,418	21,73,127	6,68,221	8,46,769
Subordinate Judges' Courts.	7,32,762	7,91,662	4,30,315	3,54,790
District Courts	6,36,449	2,56,327	1,19,922	63,767
Total ...	33,83,300	32,29,688	12,21,667	12,69,071

62. The statement in the margin shows the amount realized in execution of decrees. There was again an increase in the amount voluntarily paid in before issue of process, which is satisfactory. Amounts realized.

63. The average pendency of applications for execution is compared with 1885 in the following table :— Average duration of applications.

	1885.	1886.
Revenue Courts	124 days.	54 days.
Cantonment Small Cause Courts.	3 ,,	4 ,,
Agency Courts	106 ,,	54 ,,
District Munsifs' Courts ...	54 ,,	51 ,,
Subordinate Judges' Courts ...	54 ,,	58 ,,
District Courts	109 ,,	68 ,,

Improvement was most marked in the Revenue, Agency and District Courts.

(iii) —INSOLVENCY.

64. The following table exhibits the number of applications for a declaration of insolvency received, disposed of and pending in the several classes of Courts :— Number of applications.

	Instituted.	For disposal.	Disposed of.	Pending.
District Munsifs' Courts ...	408	527	432	95
Subordinate Judges' Courts...	75	140	106	34
District Courts	80	83	74	9
Total ...	563	750	612	138
Compare 1885 ...	566	734	592	142

In 1885, only 11 applications were filed in the District Courts. The large increase in 1886 occurred chiefly in the District Courts of South Malabar (22), Madura (13) and North Malabar (13). There were only 4 cases in which the provisions of Section 344, Civil Procedure Code, were availed of by decree-holders to have their judgment-debtors declared insolvents.

Method of disposal.

65. Of the 612 applications disposed of, 307 were withdrawn or not prosecuted, &c., and 162 were granted, of which 17 resulted in the appointment of a Receiver. 143 applications were rejected, in only 2 of which sentences of imprisonment were passed under Section 359, Civil Procedure Code. Both these cases occurred in South Malabar. In only one case (in Chingleput) was the applicant sent to a Magistrate to be dealt with. In 4 cases, the insolvents were discharged under Section 358. Proceedings were finally closed in the case of 8 estates of insolvents. The gross amount realized was only Rupees 14,962, but Rupees 22,323 appear to have been disbursed, the latter sum including the balance left at the end of 1885.

Duration of applications.

The average duration of the applications disposed of was 86 days as against 68 in 1885.

(iv).—MISCELLANEOUS CASES.

Number of applications.

	1885.	1886.
Revenue Courts	2,069	1,675
Cantonment Small Cause Courts ...	...	...
Agency Courts	56	34
District Munsifs' Courts	238,566	241,737
Subordinate Judges' Courts	21,889	22,380
District Courts	8,589	8,989
	271,169	274,815

66. All original applications except execution and insolvency are given in the margin and are compared with those of 1885.

Number disposed of.

67. The following table shows the number of miscellaneous applications for disposal, disposed of and pending :—

	For disposal.	Disposed of.	Pending.
Revenue Courts... ...	1,915	1,817	98
Cantonment Small Cause Courts	...	...	...
Agency Courts ...	42	39	3
District Munsifs' Courts...	245,632	241,767	3,865
Sub-Judges' Courts ...	22,925	22,280	645
District Courts... ...	9,691	9,084	607
Total ...	280,205	274,987	5,218
Compare 1885 ...	276,034	270,528	5,506

B.—*Appellate Jurisdiction.*

Number of appeals disposed of.

68. Including cases pending at the commencement of the year and those re-admitted, and excluding transfers, the total number of appeals from decrees and orders for disposal, disposed of and pending in 1886 in the regular mufassal Courts is shown in the following table which compares results for three years :—

Comparison for 3 years.

		For disposal.			Disposed of.			Pending.		
		1884.	1885.	1886.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884.	1885.	1886.
From Decrees.	Agency Courts ...	18	25	31	14	18	22	4	7	9
	Subordinate Judges' Courts... ...	2,655	3,241	3,173	2,040	2,522	2,501	615	719	672
	District Courts ...	6,910	7,503	8,671	4,890	4,730	5,226	2,020	2,773	3,445
	Total ...	9,583	10,769	11,875	6,944	7,270	7,749	2,639	3,499	4,126
From Orders.	Agency Courts ...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...
	Subordinate Judges' Courts... ...	11	14	15	11	10	15	...	4	...
	District Courts ...	573	619	653	510	527	576	63	92	77
	Total ...	584	633	670	521	537	593	63	96	77

The following Districts show an appreciable excess of disposals over institutions, Trichinopoly (190), South Malabar (139), North Arcot (133) and Chingleput (87). The converse appears, in the cases of Tanjore (275), Tinnevelly (270), North Malabar (213) and Kistna (125). District variations.

Taking Districts where there are Subordinate Judges, South Malabar, Godavari, Tanjore and Madura were the Districts in which the largest number of appeals were disposed of, viz., 1,104, 752, 676 and 600 respectively. Taking Districts where there are no Sub-Courts, the District Judges of Trichinopoly, Chingleput, North Arcot and South Arcot disposed of 499, 404, 371 and 246 respectively; but taking all Districts together, the largest numbers of appeals decided by District Courts occurred in South Malabar (635), Trichinopoly (499) and Chingleput (404). The lowest were in Cuddapah (63), Bellary (96) and Kurnool (134).

69. Of the 22 appeals disposed of in Agency Courts, 10 were without, and 12 with, contest. In 16 cases, the decrees of the lower Courts were confirmed and in 6 cases, they were varied or reversed. Method of disposal of appeals from decrees. Agency Courts.

In the District and Subordinate Judges' Courts, 516 of the 7,727 appeals decided were without trial and the results in the remaining 7,211 cases were as follows:— District and Sub-Judges' Courts.

	Without contest.	After contest.	On oath or arbitration.
Confirmed	261	4,120	18
Varied	56	972	1
Reversed	30	1,278	4
Remanded (§ 562) ...	24	447	...
Total ...	371	6,817	23

Of the 261 appeals shown above in which the original decrees were confirmed without contest, 180, or 74 more than in 1885 were dealt with under Section 551 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Of the 180 appeals thus dealt with, no less than 120 were in South Malabar alone.

70. Of the 593 appeals from orders decided in 1886, 2 were in the Agency Courts, one being confirmed and the other reversed, and of the remaining 591, 38 were without trial and 553 were dealt with as follows:— Method of disposal of appeals from orders.

	Without contest.	After contest.
Confirmed	118	214
Varied	2	14
Reversed	28	125
Remanded	5	47
Total ...	153	400

There were also 435 objections under Section 561, Civil Procedure Code, disposed of, as against 282 in 1885.

71. As regards the arrears, it may be observed that the District Court of Cuddapah which had no arrears at the end of either 1884 or 1885, had 75 appeals pending on its file at the close of 1886. The explanation is that the presiding Judge was changed no less than five times during the year and the Court was without a Judge at all from the 9th to the 31st October 1886. The arrears in Tanjore, Tinnevelly and North Malabar increased by more than 200 appeals during the year. Arrears.

The large numbers of appeals of over 6 months' standing in the District Courts of Tanjore, Kistna and Salem and in the Subordinate Judge's Court of Tinnevelly require attention.

Quality of work done.

72. Tested by the average duration of appeals in days, the quality of appellate work done in the mufassal Courts compares with 1885 as follows:—

Duration test.

		Appeals from decrees.	
		Contested.	Uncontested.
Agency Courts	1885 ...	64	128
	1886 ...	117	58
Subordinate Judges' Courts ...	1885 ...	100	88
	1886 ...	111	84
District Courts	1885 ...	159	127
	1886 ...	167	123

Tested by results in second appeal, the comparison is as follows:—

Appeal test.

	Appeals from decrees.			
	Subordinate Judges' Courts.		District Courts.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
Number of appeals decided	2,369	2,366	4,462	4,822
Number of second appeals preferred.	397	486	718	866
Do. do. decided...	279	333	646	545
Do. do. confirmed.	208	247	458	402
Percentage of decisions taken to second appeal	16·75	20·54	16·09	17·95
Percentage confirmed	74·55	74·17	70·89	73·76

The percentage of confirmation was better than in 1885 in the case of appeals preferred from the decrees of District Courts.

C.—Business of all kinds.

Summary.

73. The following statement exhibits in one view the work of all kinds done by the three principal classes of regular mufassal Courts in the past two years:—

		Suits.		Appeals.		Petitions.			Cases under Act X of 1870.	Criminal.	
		Ordinary.	Small causes.	Regular.	Miscellaneous.	Execution.	Insolvency.	Miscellaneous.		Session trials.	Appeals and Revision Cases.
District Munsifs ...	1885.	66,482	70,446	...	.	129,492	473	238,151	...	...	...
	1886.	60,946	83,223	...	...	137,316	432	241,767	...	...	...
Subordinate Judges ...	1885.	739	13,758	2,522	10	12,947	107	21,898	..	...	...
	1886.	767	14,167	2,501	15	14,086	106	22,280	..	...	...
District Judges ...	1885.	320	...	4,730	527	840	12	8,426	13	1,114	831
	1886.	276	334	5,226	576	987	74	9,084	60	943	989

District Munsifs.

Tested both by the number of contested suits decided and by the results in appeal from their decrees, the District Munsifs' Courts of Vizagapatam (87·18), Amalapuram (78·45), Paynad (75·32) and Nellore (70·00) show good work.

The proportion of cases decided *ex-parte* was highest in the District Munsifs' Courts of Masulipatam (362), Villupuram (323), Cuddalore (316) and Ongole (295).

Subordinate Judges.

The largest number of contested ordinary and appeal suits was disposed of by the Subordinate Judges of Mangalore (40 O. S. and 218 A. S.), Tellicherry (32 O. S. and 252 A. S.), Madura East (34 O. S. and 175 A. S.), Tinnevelly (44 O. S. and 157 A. S.) and Calicut (30 O. S. and 224 A. S). The Sub-Judge of Ootacamund disposed of 36 contested ordinary suits and one appeal.

District Judges.

The work done by the District Judges noted below is worthy of notice.—

	Contested Ordinary Suits.	Contested Appeals.
Nellore	21	172
Vizagapatam	17	202
Ganjam	14	220
Coimbatore	12	229
Chingleput	10	354
South Arcot	11	230
South Malabar	9	517
Trichinopoly	9	447
North Arcot	10	334

3.—Presidency Court of Small Causes.

(i).—Suits.

74. Including suits pending at the commencement of the year and those re-admitted on the files, the work done in the Presidency Court of Small Causes in 1886 compares with the business of 1884 and 1885 as follows :— Number disposed of.

	For disposal.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1884 ...	28,713	25,368	3,345
1885 ...	30,381	27,754	2,627
1886 ...	30,019	27,411	2,608

The 27,411 suits disposed of in 1886 include 506 applications for possession of real property. Of the 2,608 left at the close of the year, only 468 suits were of more than three months' standing. There were also 4 cases disposed of under the Land Acquisition Act, 1 with, and 3 without, assessors.

75. The manner in which the suits decided in 1886 were disposed of is shown in the following table :— Method of disposal.

		Number.	Percentage.
Without trial		1,599	5·83
Without contest...	Compromised	7,499	
	Confessed	2,841	
	Decreed *ex-parte*	12,063	
	Dismissed *ex-parte*	1	
		22,404	81·74
After contest ...	Decreed for plaintiff	2,593	
	Do. defendant	807	
	By arbitration	8	
		3,408	12·43
	Total ...	27,411	100·00

Only 12·43 per cent. of the suits disposed of were contested as against 13 per cent. in 1884, and 17 per cent. in 1885.

76. The average duration of suits decided compares as follows :— Promptitude of disposal.

	Contested.	Uncontested.
1884 ...	60 days.	36 days.
1885 ...	40 "	28 "
1886 ...	39 "	26 "

The continued improvement in 1886 is very satisfactory. The average duration of Summary Suits was also reduced considerably being 44 days in contested and 30 days in uncontested suits as against 85 and 40 respectively, in 1885.

(ii).—Execution.

77. Including applications pending at the end of 1885 and those re-admitted or received by transfer, the total number of execution applications for disposal was 15,653, of which 773 were removed from the file by withdrawal or transfer during the year. Of the remainder, the 11,355 applications actually disposed of on the merits resulted as follows :— Number of applications disposed of.

Satisfaction obtained in full in	...	4,018
" " in part in	...	444
Execution wholly infructuous in	...	6,893

Method of disposal.

The principal coercive measures adopted in execution of decrees were the imprisonment of judgment-debtors in 428 cases out of 1,247 in which arrests had Coercive measures.

been made, and the sale of their movables in 372 cases. Possession of immovables was given in 81 cases. Of the 428 judgment-debtors imprisoned, 266 owed Rupees 50 and less, and suffered imprisonment for 9 days each on an average; and 162 owed above Rupees 50, and were imprisoned for an average term of 19 days each. The total amount realized was Rupees 1,73,920.

Amount realized

Average pendency

The average pendency of an application was 49 days as against 45 in 1885.

Arrears.

There were 3,525 applications pending at the close of the year of which 1,374 were of more than three months' duration, being applications in which decrees are being satisfied by monthly payments of moiety of the salaries of the debtors.

(iii).—MISCELLANEOUS.

Number disposed of.

Average duration.

Arrears.

78. Including 34 applications that stood over from 1885, the total number for disposal was 5,959, of which 5,885 were disposed of. The average duration of uncontested applications was 2 days, and that of contested, 3 days as against 6 in 1885. Only 74 applications were left undisposed of at the close of the year, all of which were less than three months old.

4.—HIGH COURT.

A.—*Original Side.*

(i).—SUITS.

Number disposed of.

79. Including 266 suits pending from 1885 and those re-admitted during the year, there were in all 572 suits for disposal in the High Court in 1886, of which 271 were disposed of leaving 301 pending at the close of the year. Comparing five years' work, the results are as follows:—

Comparison for 5 years

	For disposal.	Disposed of	Pending.
1882 ...	636	370	266
1883 ...	673	327	346
1884 ...	716	438	278
1885 ...	636	370	266
1886 ...	572	271	301

Of the 301 suits pending at the end of the year, 108 were of more than 12 months' standing.

Method of disposal.

80. The 271 suits decided in 1886 were disposed of as follows:—

	Number.	Percentage.
Plaints rejected	13	
Dismissed for default, &c ...	20	
Withdrawn	52	
	85	31·36
Decreed on confession ...	7	
" *ex-parte* ...	45	
Dismissed *ex-parte* ...	11	
	63	23·25
Decreed on award ...	1	
Decreed after contest ...	95	
Dismissed " " ...	27	
	123	45 39
	271	100·00

The percentage disposed of after contest was 52·97 in 1885.

Six of the suits decreed *ex-parte* were summary suits on negotiable instruments.

81. Compared for five years, the disposals were as follows :— Comparison for 5 years.

	Without trial.	Without contest.	After contest.
1882 ...	93	99	173
1883 ...	87	92	148
1884 ...	98	103	237
1885 ...	81	93	196
1886 ...	85	63	123

82. The average duration of suits in days compares as follows :— Duration of suits.

	Contested.	Uncontested.
1882	310	128
1883	370	139
1884	326	232
1885	263	195
1886	299	199

83. Tested by results in appeal, the quality of work done on the Original Side was as follows :— Results in appeal.

	1885.	1886.
Number of appealable decrees passed ...	263	178
Number appealed against	81	23
Appeals decided	22	32
Decrees confirmed...	12	22
Decrees reversed or varied	10	10
Percentage of appeals	11 78	12·92
Percentage of confirmation	54·54	68·75

The percentage of confirmation, it will be noted, increased by 14·21.

84. References to take accounts, &c., were directed by the Court in 19 cases during the year. Including those pending from 1885, there were 44 such cases for disposal. Of these, 13 were disposed of by a single Judge in chambers, and 31 were pending at the end of the year. This work occupied one Judge for 35 days. Reference to chambers.

(ii).—EXECUTION.

85. Including 103 applications standing over at the commencement of the year, there were 258 for disposal, of which 45 were removed from the file by withdrawal or transfer, and 82 were disposed of leaving 131* pending at the close of the year. Number of applications disposed of.

86. The 82 applications disposed of resulted as follows :— Method of disposal.

Satisfaction obtained through Court in full	33
Do. do. in part	4
Do out of Court	30
Wholly infructuous	15
Total...	82

In 46 of these 82 cases, resort was had to coercive measures as follows :— Coercive measures.

Judgment-debtor imprisoned	8
Do. arrested but released	15
Possession of immovables given	16
Movables attached but released	1
Immovables do. do.	2
Immovables sold	4
Total ..	46

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* 123 of these are cases in which either movable or immovable property or both have been attached at the instance of the parties but in which no further steps have been taken by them.

(iii).—INSOLVENCY.

Number of cases disposed of.

87. Including 98 applications pending at the beginning of the year, there were 250 for disposal. Of these, 169 were disposed of, 26 being withdrawn or dismissed and 143 being granted, and 81 applications were left undecided at the close of the year. In 91 of the petitions disposed of, there were 176 oppositions. The number of insolvents concerned in the cases decided was 200, of whom 171 obtained discharge and 29 were unsuccessful. One of these latter was committed to prison. The insolvents who filed petitions during the year, distributed according to their calling, were as follows :—

Government servants	20
„ pensioners, &c.	9
Employés of private individuals or companies ...	72
Traders	33
Unemployed	42
Total...	176

The amount of debts in respect of which relief was sought was Rupees 6,75,285.

The Insolvent Court also granted protection orders in the case of 214 persons concerned in 111 applications and disposed of 68 applications of a miscellaneous nature.

(iv).—MISCELLANEOUS.

Number of applications disposed of.

88. The Court also received and disposed of the following work of a miscellaneous nature.

	Received.	Disposed of. Allowed.	Disposed of. Refused, &c.	Pending.
Interlocutory applications for *ad interim* orders in suits		679		
Applications for leave to sue as pauper ...	55	27	20	22
„ for probate and letters of administration	130	116	4	69
Claims to attached property	12	8	7	2
Applications for appointment of guardians, admission of Attorneys, &c.	28	12	...	59

B.—*Appellate Side.*

(i).—APPEALS FROM DECREES AND ORDERS.

Number disposed of.

89. Including cases pending at the beginning of the year and re-admitted, the total amount of appellate work done in 1886 is shown in the following table :—

	For disposal.	Disposed of.	Pending.
First appeals from decrees ...	327	119	208
Second „ „ ...	1,886	906	980
First appeals from orders ...	264	201	63
Second „ „ ...	80	45	35
Total ...	2,557	1,271	1,286

90. Results compared for five years show as follows:— Comparison for 5 years.

1. *Appeals from decrees.*		1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.
First—	For disposal ...	354	360	326	286	327
	Disposed of ...	167	185	228	141	119
	Pending ...	187	175	98	145	208
Second—	For disposal ...	1,695	1,914	1,736	1,571	1,886
	Disposed of ...	973	1,233	1,293	1,054	906
	Pending ...	722	681	443	517	980
2. *Appeals from orders.*						
First—	For disposal ...	221	253	215	258	264
	Disposed of ...	147	174	165	164	201
	Pending ...	74	79	50	94	63
Second—	For disposal ...	70	83	77	51	80
	Disposed of ...	48	53	64	37	45
	Pending ...	22	30	13	14	35

In first and second appeals from decrees, the work done, if it be judged by a purely numerical standard, was less than the average, but there was an increase in the disposal of first and second appeals from orders over 1885. Many of the first and second appeals, however, were exceedingly heavy, and mere numbers afford a very inadequate criterion of the labour really thrown upon the Court. The exceptionally heavy character of appellate work in 1886 may be gathered from the fact that, though the numerical out-turn appears less than in 1885, the number of sittings on the appellate side was (*Vide* Chap. II, para. 13) considerably more.

91. Of the 1,271 appeals decided in 1886, 37 were disposed of without trial as follows:— Method of disposal.

Without trial.

		Rejected summarily.	Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn.	Total.
From decrees ...	First appeals ...	...	1	2	3
	Second „ ...	6	20	2	28
From orders ...	First „ ...	1	...	3	4
	Second „ ...	...	1	1	2
	Total ...	7	22	8	37

Of the remaining 1,234 appeals decided, the particulars are as follows:— After trial.

		Contested.	Uncontested.
From decrees ...	First appeals ...	113	3
	Second „ ...	732	146
From orders ...	First „ ...	173	24
	Second „ ...	40	3
	Total ...	1,058	176

The results as affecting the decisions appealed against were as follows:— Results.

		Confirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded.
From decrees ...	First appeals ...	71	17	18	10
	Second „ ...	649	89	63	77
From orders ...	First „ ...	123	38	9	27
	Second „ ...	32	5	3	3

In 104 second appeals, decrees were confirmed under Section 551 of the Code of Civil Procedure. The decrees of the Courts below were reversed or varied in 30·17 per cent. of first appeals and 17·31 per cent. of second appeals from decrees as against 38·80 and 18·59 respectively, in 1885. Of the 89 second appeals in which the decrees of the lower appellate Courts were reversed, the decrees of the District Munsifs were restored in 44 cases. In miscellaneous first and second appeals, the proportions in which the orders of the Courts below were reversed or varied were 23·85 and 18·60 respectively, as against 30·20 and 32·35 in 1885. Percentages.

Of appeals from the orders of a single Judge of the High Court, 16 were disposed of. The orders were confirmed in 12 and reversed in 4 cases. These were orders passed in the Admission Court refusing to admit second or miscellaneous appeals, &c. The results in the other cases, as affecting the Courts in the mufassal, were as below :—

	First Appeals.			*Second Appeals.*
	Dt. Judges.	Sub-Judges.	Munsifs.	District Judges.
Decided	106	56	35	43
Confirmed ...	64	38	21	32
Reversed or varied.	28	13	6	8
Remanded ...	14	5	8	3

Arrears.

92. Of the 1,286 appeals pending at the close of 1886, the number pending over three months was 837 as follows :—

From decrees ...	First appeals	171
	Second „	621
From orders ...	First appeals from mufassal... ...	33
	Second „ „	12
	Total ...	837

First appeals from decrees	10
Second „ „	60
Appeals from orders	2
Total.	72

The pending list above includes 72 cases once fully heard by the Court but remitted to lower Courts for a finding on issues or for taking further evidence. Such cases were reduced by more than half.

Average pendency of appeals.

93. The average duration of appeals decided was as follows :—

		Uncontested.		Contested.	
		1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
From decrees ...	First appeals	147 days.	401 * days.	274 days.	338 days.
	Second „	...119 „	165 „	201 „	258 „
From orders ...	First „ ...	141 „	150 „	152 „	187 „
	Second „ ...	189 „	162 „	162 „	170 „

(ii).—REFERENCE AND REVISION.

Civil revision petitions. Number. Description.

94. There were 358 petitions received in the year under Section 622 of the Civil Procedure Code, against 347 in 1885. 172 of these 358 petitions were for revision of the proceedings of Courts in Small Causes.

75	were for revision of	proceedings of	District Judges,
116	„	„	Subordinate Judges,
127	„	„	District Munsifs,
10	„	„	Presidency Court of Small Causes,
9	„	„	Revenue Courts,
and 21	„	„	Village Munsifs' Courts.

Disposals.

95. Including cases pending over from 1885 and those re-admitted during the year, there were 432 civil revision petitions for disposal, of which 263 were disposed of, 77 being without trial, and the decrees of the lower Courts being confirmed in 118, reversed in 48 and varied in 3 and fresh trial being ordered in 17 cases. These results as affecting the Judges, of whose proceedings the revision was sought, were as shown below :—

Results as affecting lower Courts.

	Cases decided.	Confirmed.	Reversed or varied.	Fresh trial ordered.
District Judges	52	41	9	2
Subordinate Judges ...	66	42	14	10
District Munsifs	48	30	14	4
Others	20	5	14	1
Total...	186	118	51	17

* The unusually large number of days in uncontested first appeals was owing to one first appeal of 1884 having been disposed of in September 1886.

96. At the close of the year, 169 petitions were left undisposed of, of which 49 were more than three months old. Of these, 6 were cases remitted on issues, &c. Arrears.

97. The average duration of the petitions dealt with was 134 days in contested cases. There were no uncontested cases. Average duration.

98. By way of reference, the Court received and disposed of the following work:— Proceedings in reference.

	Received.	Disposed of.	Pending.
Under § 617, Civil Procedure Code ...	18	14	10
„ Act IV of 1869 (Divorce) ...	2	4	...
„ Act I of 1879 (General Stamp)	5	3	2
„ Act I of 1884 (Municipal Act)	...	3	...
„ Act XV of 1882 (Presy. S. C. Court Act)	...	2	...
„ Act V of 1882 (Forest Act) ...	2	1	1

(iii).—MISCELLANEOUS.

99. The number of applications of a miscellaneous nature received in 1886 was 832. Including applications that were pending at the commencement, and those re-admitted during the year, there were 993 for disposal, of which 800 were disposed of leaving 193 pending at the end of the year. Number of cases.

100. During the year, 6 applications were received for leave to appeal to the Privy Council. Including 2* pending from the previous year, there were 8 for disposal, of which one was withdrawn and leave in four was granted, leaving 3 pending at the close of the year. Appeals to the Privy Council.

The following statement shows the number of appeals to the Privy Council actually presented and the results in the cases disposed of:—

Pending from last year.	Admitted during the year.	Total.	Disposed of.					Pending.	
			Dismissed for default, withdrawn, compromised, &c.	Confirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded.	Total.	In Privy Council.	In the High Court under preparation.
14	2	16	...	2	1	...	...	3	7	6

C.—Business of all kinds.

101. The statement below shows in one view the various classes of civil work done by the High Court on both its Original and Appellate Sides in 1886 as compared with the work done in each of the five years preceding:— Summary.

	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.
Original Side.						
Suits	533	370	327	438	370	271
References to chambers	17	12	22	15	11	13
Execution petitions	278	162	136	145	187	82
Insolvency „	163	169	144	209	186	169
Miscellaneous cases	1,890	1,652	1,995	1,817	1,512	1,052
Appellate Side.						
First appeals from decrees ...	160	167	185	223	141	119
Second „ „ ...	769	973	1,233	1,293	1,054	906
First „ from orders ...	113	147	174	165	164	201
Second „ „ ...	81	48	53	64	37	45
Revision petitions	162	223	427	530	441	263
References and miscellaneous cases.	540	550	816	777	663	832

* Not 3 as stated in the last year's report.

Recapitulation of chief features of business done by Civil Courts.

102. To recapitulate, the salient features to be noted in connection with the business done by Civil Courts in 1886, excluding results which may be attributed almost exclusively to the very extensive transfer of suits from the ordinary to the small cause files of District Munsifs' Courts and District Courts under the operation of Act XXI of 1885, were (1) the reduced amount of business done, both in the aggregate and on an average, in the Village Munsifs' Courts: (2) the efforts of the Regular Mufassal Courts to keep pace with increased litigation resulting in increased arrears, both original and appellate, notwithstanding more decisions and a speedier disposal of contested oridinary suits, in the District Munsifs' Courts, as well as increase in the quantity of appellate work done in Subordinate and District Courts: (3) continued improvement in the amount paid voluntarily in satisfaction of decrees in Mufassal Courts and in the promptitude of disposal of business in the Presidency Small Cause Court: and (4) reduced numerical disposal, both original and appellate, in the High Court. The falling off in the disposal of original suits, first appeals and second appeals during the year under report as compared with 1885 may be accounted for, in part, by the intricate character of, and voluminous evidence to be considered in, several first appeals disposed of. The number of criminal appeals also in which appellants are represented is on the increase. The impossibility of keeping fairly abreast of the work for disposal on the original and appellate sides of the Court with the present numerical strength of the Court must, it is feared, lead not only to an accumulation of arrears on the one side or the other, but also tend, if the appellate work is not to suffer unduly, and it is believed has already tended, to discourage the institution of original suits which otherwise would be filed.

V.—Financial.

Financial results compared with 1885.

103. The nett surplus in the year under review was Rupees 8,30,305 as compared with Rupees 7,56,942 in 1885. The surplus under Imperial and Provincial Funds was Rupees 4,69,615, under Process Service Fund, Rupees 2,90,487 and under Copyist Fund, Rupees 70,203, as against Rupees 4,39,231, 2,46,003 and 71,708 in 1885 respectively.

Financial results in different Districts.

104. As remarked in the previous year, there was deficit under the head of Imperial and Provincial Funds in the Districts of Chingleput, Cuddapah and Kurnool, and in all other Districts there was surplus. Under Process Service and Copyist Funds, all Districts contributed to the surplus.

Average cost per suit.

105. Excluding suits filed in Village Munsifs' and Revenue Courts, the average cost per suit is given below:—

Total number of suits and appeals instituted		196,423
Total receipts in stamps (excluding probate and administration duty)	Rs.	32,27,696
Average cost per suit	Rs.	16

VI.—Miscellaneous.

Practitioners in the High Court.

106. In the course of the year, 1 Attorney, 13 Vakils and 4 Advocates were enrolled in the High Court.

Pleadership Examination.

107. The fourth annual Pleadership Examination was held from the 15th to the 24th February 1886.

Of the 247 candidates admitted to the examination, 26 passed in the first class including 7 admitted to that class under para. 4, rule 9; 78 passed in the second class, 114 failed and 29 were absent. Number appearing.

13 Articled clerks were permitted by the High Court to appear for the examination to qualify themselves for admission as attorneys with reference to Sections 4 and 14 of the rules framed by the High Court in that behalf, dated the 30th April 1885. Of the number who so presented themselves, none passed in the First Grade and only 3 passed in the Second Grade. Articled clerks.

The receipts from examination fees amounted to Rupees 4,978 and the expenditure on account of the examination to Rupees 4,915 (G. O., dated 12th April 1886, No. 937, Mis.). Receipts and charges.

The number of fresh Pleadership certificates issued by the High Court during the year was 81, of which 31 were of the first, and 50 of the second, grade. The stamp fees realized on these certificates amounted to Rupees 1,111-8-0 and the admission fees to Rupees 467. Pleadership certificates. New issues.

2,234 Pleadership certificates were renewed during the year, 576 being of the first, and 1,658 of the second, grade. Renewals.

The stamp fees realized on these certificates amounted to Rupees 38,989, Rupees 14,350 being for the first, and Rupees 24,639 for the second, grade. Receipts.

The total income for the year, therefore, from stamp and admission fees amounted to Rupees 40,567-8-0.

108. Except in the case of a few individuals, the Service Books of the Judicial establishments are reported to be duly and correctly maintained. Service Books.

109. The reports as to the state of the District Court record rooms are, for the most part, satisfactory. In some Courts, much, however, still remains to be done in ridding those rooms of useless records. In Arcot (North) and Godavari, the sorting and destruction of records have been brought up to 1881. In Arcot (South), the civil records were destroyed and arranged up to 1883 and the criminal records up to 1880. In Canara (South), Ganjam, Malabar (North), Tanjore and Tinnevelly, the records were destroyed up to 1882. In Cuddapah, the records destroyed related to the years 1806 to 1865. In Chingleput, very poor progress is reported to have been made in the destruction of old and useless records. In Madura, the records destroyed were (1) those of the late Sub-Court and Small Cause Court from 1861 to 1878, (2) the records of ordinary suits of 1879 and 1880 of the East Sub-Court and those of West Sub-Court from 1879 to 1882, (3) the appeal records from 1877 to 1882 and (4) the execution records of both ordinary and small cause suits of all Munsifs' Courts from 1860 to 1878. In Salem, original and appeal records from 1860 to 1862, miscellaneous records from 1877 to 1879 and session records up to 1881 were destroyed. In Vizagapatam, all the records, destroyable at the end of 1886, have been destroyed in the District Court and in the Munsifs' Courts of Vizagapatam and Bimlipatam. Records.

110. The Court and Bar Libraries are, generally, reported to be in good order. Libraries.

111. With the exception of a few Amins and Process-servers in the Districts of Arcot (North), Bellary and Kistna, the securities obtained from all Judicial Subordinates, have been examined and found sufficient. Securities.

112. The work of inspection was fairly well carried out. The District Judges of Arcot (North), Bellary and Godavari inspected all the Courts within their jurisdiction. In Arcot (South), 4 out of 5 subordinate Courts were inspected; in Canara (South) and Vizagapatam, 4 out of 7 and 6 respectively; in Chingleput and Kurnool, 2 out of 3; in Malabar (North), 4 out of 7; in Malabar (South), 7 out of 13; in Nellore and Tanjore, 1 out of 3 and 14 respectively and in Tinnevelly and Trichinopoly, 2 out of 6 and 3 respectively. None of the subordinate Courts in Coimbatore, Inspection of Subordinate Courts.

Cuddapah, Ganjam and Kistna were inspected. In Madura, all the Munsifs' Courts having been very thoroughly inspected by Mr. Weir in 1885, he considered it unnecessary, having regard to the pressure of work at Head-Quarters, to inspect any of them during 1886.

Defalcation in the Poonamallee District Munsif's Court.

113. A defalcation of Rupees 1887-4-2 was discovered in the Court of the District Munsif of Poonamallee. The Head Clerk who misappropriated the said money absconded in May 1886. He has not been arrested yet though a reward of Rupees 100 has been offered for his arrest. The High Court being of opinion that the Head Clerk committed the embezzlement owing to the absence of proper supervision and control by the District Munsif, directed the recovery from the Munsif, M. R. Ry. S. A. Krishna Rao Garu, in monthly instalments of Rupees 100, of such portion of the missing money as may not be otherwise realized. The High Court's action in the matter was approved by Government in their Order, dated 23rd November 1886, No. 3,110, Miscellaneous.

W. MORGAN,
Ag. Registrar,
Appellate Side.

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE,
MADRAS, 28*th September* 1887.

APPENDIX.

I.—Imperial Statements.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 1—(CIVIL AND CRIMINAL).

Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and the number of Officers exercising Appellate or Original Jurisdiction in the Province of Madras on the last day of the year 1886, with the cost of Tribunals.

PROVINCE OF MADRAS.		Area (in square miles.)	Population.	Number of Divisions for Courts under Chief Court, but superior to Chief Courts of Districts.	Number of Districts.	Number of Sub-Districts.	Total Number of Officers exercising Original or Appellate Jurisdiction. Judges of Chief Court of province.	Judges of other Courts superior to Chief District Courts.	Judges of Chief Courts of Districts.	Judges of District Courts other than Chief Courts.	Judges of other Subordinate Courts.	Total Number of Cases decided. Original. Regular.	Original. Miscellaneous.	Appeal. Regular.	Appeal. Miscellaneous.	Total Receipts of the Courts.	Total Charges of the Courts.
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Territory subject to the High Court.	Civil ..	1,38,318	3,11,09,707	...	21	107	5	...	...	20	125	1,88,702	447978	8,774	839	40,78,071	38,82,208
	Criminal...				22	337				21	698	1,82,163	2,992	5,981	...		
	Revenue ...				21	80				21	83	4,884	2,152	...	...		
Territory not subject to the High Court.	Civil ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Criminal...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Revenue ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total...	1,38,318	3,11,09,707	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

REMARKS.

18	Grades of Judicial Officers.	Europeans.	Natives.
Officers exercising both original and appellate jurisdiction.	High Court Judges ..	4	1
	District Judges ...	20	...
	Additional Judges ..	...	...
	Subordinate Judges...	1	13
Officers exercising original jurisdiction only.	Judges of the Presidency Small Cause Court	1	2
	Do. Cantonment do.	2	...
	Munsifs...	...	106

N. B.—This statement does not exhibit Village Munsifs.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 1—(Civil & Criminal)—Supplement.

Statement showing the number of European and Native Judicial Officers of each Grade exercising Appellate or Original Jurisdiction in the Province of Madras for the year 1886.

Tribunals.	Original Powers.			Appeal Powers.			Grand Total.			Remarks.
	European.	Native (including Eurasian).	Total.	European.	Native (including Eurasian).	Total.	European.	Native (including Eurasian).	Total.	
1	2			3			4			5
High Court Judges	4	1	5	4	1	5	4	1	5	
Presidency Small Cause Judges	1	2	3	...	...	...	1	2	3	
District and Sessions Judges	20	...	20	20	...	20	20	...	20	
Subordinate Judges	1	13	14	1	13	14	1	13	14	
District Munsifs	...	106	106	...	...	...	...	106	106	
Presidency Magistrates	2	2	4	...	...	...	2	2	4	
Collectors and District Magistrates	21	...	21	21	...	21	21	...	21 (a)	(a) 3 of these had also the powers of a District and Sessions Judge and 1 had those of an Additional Sessions Judge.
Sub-Divisional Officers and Magistrates ..	41	46	87	37	46	83	41	46	87 (b)	(b) Of these, 1 Deputy Collector exercised the powers of a Sub-Judge.
Cantonment Magistrates	3	..	3	...	...	...	3	...	3 (c)	(c) 2 of these exercised powers of a Small Cause Judge.
Special Magistrates	6	52	58	...	...	...	6	52	58	
Other paid Magistrates	3	494	497	...	...	...	3	494	497 (d)	(d) Of these, 19 exercised the powers of a District Munsif.
Benches of Magistrates	5	44	49	...	...	...	5	44 (e)	49	(e) 3 of these were composed of both Europeans and natives.
Total ...	107	760	867	83	60	143	107	760	867	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 7—(CIVIL).

Statement showing the number and description of Civil Suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Province of Madras in the year 1886.

CLASS OF TRIBUNALS.	SUITS FOR MONEY OR MOVABLE PROPERTY.										SUITS UNDER THE RENT LAW.								TITLE AND OTHER SUITS.																				REMARKS.
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work and materials.	Rent not falling under the Rent Law.	Movable property or value thereof.	Damages.	Other suits for money or movables not already mentioned.	Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancelment of lease	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	Relating to distraint.	Damages for extortion or withholding receipts, or on account of illegal restraint, or other cause.	For puttahs or kabulyats.	For ejectment or recovery of possession.	For recovery of money or accounts from agents.	All other suits under the Rent Law not included above.	Suits for immovable property.	Suits for declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Administration suits.	Interpleader suits.	Dissolution of partnership.	Suits under Section 261, Act X of 1865 (also Hindu Wills Act).	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Grand Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																																						
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																																						
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Village Courts	11,258	32,168	14,017	4,412	4,388	839	2,154	2,849	304	832	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ...	63,434	16,612	12,007	3,372	3,241	632	9,505	4,429	1466	869	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20,735	1,097	440	16,726	543	33	28	409	6	132	919	...	19	3	2	16	...	925	73,221	
Small Cause Courts (at the Cantonments)	17	1	1	429	64	16	14	16	141	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,57,600	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	379	44	33	5	9	1	20	14	6	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	10	2	46	9	...	11	5	4	...	52	...	...	...	1	11	...	33	699	
Total...	75,088	48,825	26,058	8,218	7,702	1488	11,693	7,308	1917	1722	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20,795	1107	442	16,772	552	33	39	414	10	132	971	...	19	3	3	27	...	958	776	
II—REVENUE COURTS.																																					2,32,296	
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Other Subordinate Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1416	81	2,354	52	...	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
District Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,953	
Total ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1416	81	2,354	52	...	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,953	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																																						
Presidency Small Cause Court ...	9,950	1,312	1,718	2,485	8,358	503	2,031	360	105	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	*492	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27,314	
Superior Courts	61	2	11	8	11	...	1	11	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	19	5	69	1	15	4	4	1	1	18	...	...	2	...	7	10	3	292	
Total...	10,011	1,314	1,729	2,493	8,369	503	2,032	371	112	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	512	19	5	69	1	15	4	4	1	1	18	...	...	2	...	7	10	3	27,606	
Grand Total...	85,099	50,139	27,787	10,711	16,071	1991	13,725	7,679	2029	1723	...	...	1416	81	2,354	52	...	50	21,307	1126	447	16,841	553	48	43	418	11	133	989	...	19	5	3	34	10	961	2,63,855	

* Cases under Section 41 of Act XV of 1882.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 8—(CIVIL).

Statement showing the number and value of Suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Province of Madras in the year 1886.

VALUE OF SUITS.	NUMBER OF SUITS INSTITUTED IN THE DIFFERENT COURTS.										Total value of suits.	REMARKS.
	Not exceeding Rs. 10.	Ditto Rs. 20.	Ditto Rs. 50.	Ditto Rs. 100.	Ditto Rs 500.	Ditto Rs 1,000.	Ditto Rs. 5,000.	Ditto Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated in money.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.												
I.—CIVIL COURTS.												
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Village Courts	50,499	21,809	803	79	31	...	...	...	...	...	6,53,988	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals	20,245	24,129	49,216	27,964	29,587	3,423	1,833	141	90	972	2,22,85,172	
Small Cause Courts (at the Cantonments)	272	131	170	79	47	...	...	...	...	...	23,426	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	...	...	...	...	473	19	156	56	42	30	40,94,654	
Total...	71,016	46,069	50,189	28,122	30,138	3,442	1,989	197	132	1,002	2,70,57,240	
II.—REVENUE COURTS.												
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Other Subordinate Courts	1,216	709	1,055	537	399	20	10	...	...	7	1,96,414	
District Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	1,216	709	1,055	537	399	20	10	...	...	7	1,96,414	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.												
Presidency Small Cause Court	11,757	5,222	5,478	2,499	2,000	263	95	...	...	...	12,13,304	
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	25	31	138	34	44	20	32,85,736	
Total...	11,757	5,222	5,478	2,499	2,025	294	233	34	44	20	44,99,040	
Grand Total...	83,989	52,000	56,722	31,158	32,562	3,756	2,232	231	176	1,029	3,17,52,694	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 9—(CIVIL).

Statement showing the General Result of the trial of Civil and Revenue Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Province of Madras in the year 1886.

PART I.—CIVIL SUITS.

CLASS OF COURTS.	Total Number of Suits before the Courts.	NUMBER OF SUITS DISPOSED OF.										Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year.	AVERAGE DURATION OF SUITS.		REMARKS.
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Without Trial.	WITHOUT CONTEST.				ON REFERENCE TO ARBITRATION.		WITH CONTEST.				Contested.	Uncontested.	
				Compromised.	Decreed on Confession.	Decreed *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex-parte*.	For Plaintiff.	For Defendant.	Judgment for Plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for Defendant.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Village Courts	81,481	...	12,210	15,458	17,130	15,710	1,923	153	42	7,716	2,300	8,839	...	...	...	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ...	1,89,346	...	25,353	30,765	11,874	41,910	2,261	363	79	34,480	12,676	29,585	9,058	115	49	
Small Cause Courts (at the Cantonments)	777	...	50	124	83	236	24	...	...	109	20	131	42	10	8	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	955	...	103	121	46	96	3	5	...	132	105	342	175	188	100	
Total...	2,72,559	...	37,716	46,468	29,133	57,952	4,211	521	121	42,437	15,103	38,897	9,275	...	...	
II.—REVENUE COURTS.																
Unpaid Local Tribunals... ..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Other Subordinate Courts ...	5,829	...	862	307	84	175	331	1	5	1,835	784	1,445	885	148	65	
District Courts	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ..	5,829	...	862	307	84	175	331	1	5	1,835	784	1,445	885	...	...	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																
Presidency Small Cause Court ...	30,019	...	1,599	7,499	2,841	12,063	1	8	...	2,593	807	2,608	468	39	26	
Superior Courts...	572	...	85	...	7	45	11	1	...	95	27	301	224	299	109	
Total ..	30,591	...	1,684	7,499	2,848	12,108	12	9	...	2,688	834	2,909	692	...	...	
Grand Total..	3,08,979	...	40,262	54,274	32,065	70,235	4,554	531	126	46,960	16,721	43,251	10,852	...	...	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No 9—(Civil).

Statement showing the General Result of the trial of Civil and Revenue Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Province of Madras in the year 1886.

Part II.—Miscellaneous Cases (Judicial).

CLASS OF COURTS.	Total Number of cases before the Courts.	NUMBER OF CASES DISPOSED OF.										Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Average duration of cases, contested and uncontested.	REMARKS.
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Without Trial.	Without Contest.				On reference to Arbitration.		With Contest.					
				Compromised.	Decreed on Confession.	Decreed ex-parte.	Dismissed ex-parte.	For Plaintiff.	For Defendant.	Judgment for Plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for Defendant.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.															
I.—Civil Courts.															
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ...	2,68,592	...	27,400	7,034	19,123	1,67,358	9,586	5	2	20,808	12,763	4,513	226	7	
Small Cause Courts (at the Cantonments)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
District Courts	9,698	...	1,255	48	391	4,585	1,005	3	...	893	911	607	135	27	
Total...	2,78,290	...	28,655	7,082	19,514	1,71,943	10,591	8	2	21,701	13,674	5,120	361	...	
II.—Revenue Courts.															
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Other Subordinate Courts ...	1,915	...	508	74	77	429	74	...	...	522	133	98	43	55	
District Courts	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	
Total...	1,915	...	508	74	77	429	74	...	...	522	133	98	43	...	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.															
Presidency Small Cause Court ...	5,959	...	923	50	163	4,535	70	11	1	87	45	74	...	2	
Superior Courts	1,052*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	* The total number disposed of.
Total...	7,011	...	923	50	163	4 535	70	11	1	87	45	74	...	...	
Grand Total...	2,87,216	...	30,086	7,206	19,754	1,76,907	10,735	19	3	22,310	13,852	5,292	404	...	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 10—(CIVIL).

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Province of Madras in the year 1886.

PART I.—APPEALS FROM DECREES.

CLASS OF COURTS.	Total number of Appeals before the Courts.	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Decisions confirmed, Section 551, C. P. C.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	HEARD *ex-parte*.				CONTESTED.				Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average duration of Appeals.	Objections under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882.	REMARKS.
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																	
Appeals from original decrees.																	
A.—CIVIL COURTS.																	
District Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts.	3,183	...	10	119	13	10	8	1	1,462	325	437	126	672	231	114	165	
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	8,692	...	174	397	73	46	23	23	2,683	649	847	323	3,454	1,887	165	270	
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	11,875	...	184	516	86	56	31	24	4,145	974	1,284	449	4,126	2,118	...	435	
B.—REVENUE COURTS.																	
Collectors' Appellate Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																	
Chief Court of Province. — Appeals from Original decrees. ...	327	...	...	3	1	1	...	1	70	17	17	9	208	171	340	13	
Chief Court of Province. — Appeals from Appellate decrees. ...	1,886	...	104	28	31	4	2	5	514	59	87	72	980	621	240	18	
Total...	2,213	...	104	31	32	5	2	6	584	76	104	81	1,188	792	...	31	
Grand Total ..	14,088	...	288	547	118	61	33	30	4,729	1,050	1,388	530	5,314	2,910	...	466	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 10.—(Civil).

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Province of Madras in the year 1886.

Part II.—Miscellaneous (Judicial) cases before Appellate Courts.

CLASS OF COURTS.	Miscellaneous cases before Appellate Courts.	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Decisions confirmed, Section 551, C. P. C.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard ex-parte.				Contested.				Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average duration of Miscellaneous cases before Appellate Courts.	Objections under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882.	REMARKS.
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																	
Appeals from original orders.																	
A.—Civil Courts.																	
District Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts.	15	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	9	...	3	...	...	...	125	...	
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	655	...	93	35	25	2	28	5	206	14	123	47	77	6	68	3	
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province.	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	670	...	93	38	25	2	28	5	215	14	126	47	77	6	..	3	
B.—Revenue Courts.																	
Collectors' Appellate Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																	
Chief Court of Province. — Appeals from Original orders ...	264	...	2	4	12	1	6	3	109	8	32	24	63	33	186	...	
Chief Court of Province. — Appeals from Appellate orders ...	80	...		2	3	...	...	...	29	3	5	3	35	12	166	...	
Total...	344	...	2	6	15	1	6	3	138	11	37	27	98	45	...	...	
Grand Total...	1,014	...	95	44	40	3	34	8	353	25	163	74	175	51	...	3	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 11—(CIVIL).

Statement showing the Result of Proceedings on Applications for the Execution of the Decrees of the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Province of Madras in the year 1886.

CLASS OF COURTS.	Total Number of Applications for the execution of Decrees before the Courts.	APPLICATIONS DISPOSED OF. By Transfer.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous.	Pending at the end of the year.	Number of Applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	AMOUNT REALIZED. With the issue of Process.	Without the issue of Process.	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS. On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested, but released without imprisonment.	On which Movable property was sold.	On which Movable property was attached, but subsequently released.	On which Immovable property was sold.	On which Immovable property was dealt with under Sections 305, 322 or 326, Act XIV of 1882.	On which Immovable property was attached, but subsequently released under Section 275.	On which Possession was given: Of Movables.	Of Immovables.	On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than in the preceding columns.	REMARKS.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																						
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																						
Unpaid Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Village Courts		...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals	1,19,179	710	30,270	18,436	51,480	18,283	2,503	29,69,590	12,01,948	966	8,490	2,092	2,424	7,898	392	2,028	75	6,789	63	49	68,915	
Small Cause Courts (Cantt.)	173	...	161	6	5	1	...	1,807	2,323	29	69	15	53	..	...	...	...	...	...	.	6	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts.	950	121	238	133	194	264	126	2,56,327	64,502	2	41	15	14	55	3	8	1	39	2	3	382	
Total...	1,20,302	831	30,669	18,575	51,679	18,548	2,629	32,27,724	12,68,778	997	8,600	2,122	2,491	7,953	395	2,036	76	6,828	70	52	69,303	
II.—REVENUE COURTS.																						
Unpaid Local Tribunals ..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Other Subordinate Courts.	374	..	302	...	13	59	6	1,964	293	...	1	3	3	1	1	5	1	122	6	..	172	
District Courts	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ..	374		302	...	13	59	6	1,964	293	...	1	3	3	1	1	5	1	122	6	...	172	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																						
Presidency Small Cause Court	15,302	422	4,018	414	6,993	3,525	1,374	63,229	1,10,691	428	819	372	722	...	...	...	...	81	...	...	8,938	
Superior Courts ...	247	34	63	4	15	131	...	..	...	8	15	...	1	4	...	2	...	16	...	...	36	
Total...	15,549	456	4,081	418	6,908	3,656	1,374	63,229	1,10,691	436	834	372	723	4	...	2	...	97	...	...	8,969	
Grand Total...	1,36,225	1,287	35,052	19,023	58,600	22,263	4,009	32,92,917	13,79,762	1,433	9,435	2,497	3,217	7,958	396	2,043	77	7,047	76	52	78,444	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 12—(Civil).

Statement showing the Number and Result of Applications and Proceedings under Chapter XX, Act XIV of 1882, in the Province of Madras in the year 1886.

CLASS OF COURTS	APPLICATIONS FOR A DECLARATION OF INSOLVENCY.								Number of Insolvents discharged during the year under Section 355.	Number of Insolvents' Estates in the hands of Receivers in which Proceedings were finally closed during the year	AMOUNT OF CREDITORS' CLAIMS DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR		GROSS AMOUNT OF INSOLVENTS' ASSETS REALIZED AND DISBURSED		REMARKS
	Total number for hearing.	Transferred to another Province, withdrawn, &c.	GRANTED.		REJECTED			Pending at the close of the year			Admitted.	Satisfied	Realized during the year	Disbursed during the year	
			A Receiver being appointed	A Receiver not being appointed	Penal Proceedings under Section 350 not being taken.	Sentence of Imprisonment being passed under Section 350.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ..	667	243	16	141	136	1	1	129	40	8	43,931	22,637	9,805	22,315	
Chief Courts of Districts	83	64	1	4	4	1	.	9	1	..	...	..	5,157	8	
Superior Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total .	750	307	17	145	140	2	1	138	41	8	43,931	22,637	14,962	22,323	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 13—(Civil and Criminal).

Statement showing Use of Juries and Assessors in the Civil and Criminal Courts in the Province of Madras in the year 1886.

CLASSES OF COURTS IN WHICH JURORS OR ASSESSORS ARE EMPLOYED DISTINGUISHING CRIMINAL FROM CIVIL COURTS.	Established or average Number of Jury or Assessors in each case, and prescribed qualifications.	Number of Cases tried by Jury.	Number of Cases tried with Assessors.	JURY TRIALS.					ASSESSORS' TRIALS.			REMARKS.
				Cases in which the Judge approved of the verdict.	Cases in which the Judge did not approve of the Verdict.		Number of Persons the Verdict in respect to whom the Judge disapproved.		Number of Cases in which Judge agreed with Assessors.	Number of Cases in which Judge differed from		
					Wholly.	Partially.	Whose cases he referred under Section 307, C. P. C.	Whose cases he did not refer under Section 307, C. P. C.		One Assessor.	Both Assessors.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
I.—Civil Courts.												
Chief Courts of Districts (or officers specially empowered) acting under Act X of 1870. Assessors ...	2	...	60	...	...	...	...	...	15	44		

Note.—The Criminal part of this statement will be found in the Appendix to the Report on Criminal Justice for 1886.

APPENDIX.

II.—Special Statements.

A.

Statement showing the territorial jurisdictions of District, Subordinate Judges' and District Munsifs' Courts as they stood on 31st December 1886.

DISTRICTS.	Names of District, Subordinate Judges' and District Munsifs' Courts.	Names of Revenue Taluks comprized within the jurisdiction of each Court.
Arcot (North)	District Court	*Ordinary Jurisdiction* :—The whole District.
	Other Courts	Same as in 1885.
Arcot (South)	District Court	*Ordinary Jurisdiction* :—The whole District.
	Other Courts	Same as in 1885.
Bellary	District Court	*Ordinary Jurisdiction* :—The whole District.
	Other Courts	Same as in 1885.
Canara (South)	District Court	*Ordinary Jurisdiction*:—The whole District.
	Other Courts	Same as in 1885.
Chingleput	District Court	*Ordinary Jurisdiction* :—The whole District.
	Other Courts	*Small Cause Jurisdiction* :—The District Munsifi of Chingleput. Same as in 1885.
Coimbatore	District Court	*Ordinary Jurisdiction* :—The whole District.
	Other Courts	Same as in 1885.
Cuddapah	District Court	*Ordinary Jurisdiction*: —The whole District.
	Other Courts	*Small Cause Jurisdiction*:—The District Munsifi of Cuddapah. Same as in 1885.
Ganjam	District Court	*Ordinary Jurisdiction* :—The whole District.
	Other Courts	*Small Cause Jurisdiction*:—The District Munsifi of Berhampore. Same as in 1885.
Godavari	District Court	*Ordinary Jurisdiction*:—The whole District.
	Sub-Court, Cocanada	*Ordinary and Appellate Jurisdiction* :—Same as in 1885.
	Other Courts	*Small Cause Jurisdiction*:—The District Munsifs of Amalapur, Cocanada, Peddapur and Rajahmundry. Same as in 1885.
Kistna	District Court	*Ordinary Jurisdiction* :—The whole District.
	Other Courts	Same as in 1885.
Kurnool	District Court	*Ordinary Jurisdiction* :—The whole District.
	Other Courts	Same as in 1885.
Madura	District Court	*Ordinary Jurisdiction* :—The whole District.
	Other Courts	Same as in 1885.

A.

Statement showing the territorial jurisdictions of District, Subordinate Judges' and District Munsifs' Courts as they stood on 31st December 1886.—(*Continued.*)

DISTRICTS.	Names of District, Subordinate Judges' and District Munsifs' Courts.	Names of Revenue Taluks comprized within the jurisdiction of each Court.
Malabar (North)	District Court	*Ordinary Jurisdiction* :—The Revenue Taluks of Chirakal, Kottayam and Kurumbranad; and 7 amshoms in the Wynaad Taluk.
	Cannanore Munsifi	7 amshoms in Kottayam Taluk and 20 amshoms in Chirakal Taluk.
	Kavvayi do	23 amshoms in Chirakal Taluk.
	Paynad do.	24 amshoms in Kurumbranad Taluk.
	Nadapuram do.	19 amshoms in do.
	Other Courts	Same as in 1885.
Malabar (South)	District Court	*Ordinary Jurisdiction* :—The Revenue Taluks of Calicut, Ernad, Ponnani, Palghat, Walwanad and Cochin; and 6 amshoms in the Wynaad Taluk.
	Other Courts	Same as in 1885.
Nellore	District Court	*Ordinary Jurisdiction* :—The whole District. *Small Cause Jurisdiction* :—The District Munsifi of Nellore.
	Nellore Munsifi	The Revenue Taluks of Nellore, Gudur, Rapur, Udayagiri and Atmakur; and the Zemindaries of Venkatagiri and Polur
	Kavali do.	The Revenue Taluks of Kavali, Kandukur and Kanigiri.
	Ongole do.	Ongole Taluk and the Zemindaries of Darsi and Podili.
Salem	District Court	*Ordinary Jurisdiction* :—The whole District. *Small Cause Jurisdiction* —The Municipal limits of the Town of Salem.
	Other Courts	Same as in 1885.
Tanjore	District Court	*Ordinary Jurisdiction* :—The whole District.
	Tanjore Munsifi } Tiruvadi do. }	Same as in 1885 except that the Maganams of Merattúr and Murtiambalpuram were interchanged.
	Negapatam do. } Tirutalur do. }	Same as in 1885 except that the Maganams of Peralam and Tirumarugal were interchanged.
	Other Courts	Same as in 1885.
Tinnevelly	District Court	*Ordinary Jurisdiction* :—The whole District.
	Other Courts	Same as in 1885
Trichinopoly	District Court	*Ordinary Jurisdiction* :—The whole District. *Small Cause Jurisdiction* :—The District Munsifi of Trichinopoly.
	Other Courts	Same as in 1885.
Vizagapatam	District Court	*Ordinary Jurisdiction*.—The whole District.
	Other Courts	Same as in 1885.

B.

Statement showing the relative contribution of the several Districts of the Presidency to the aggregate litigation of the year 1886, and the ratio of population to suits.

DISTRICTS.	Population.	Suits.			Ratio of population to suits.	Appeals.		Total of suits and appeals.	Percentage to Total.
		Before Village Munsifs' Courts.	Before Regular Courts.	Total.		To District and Subordinate Judges' Courts.	To High Court.		
Tanjore	21,30,383	11,778	19,325	31,103	68	951	102	32,156	13·07
Madura	21,68,630	11,917	10,629	22,546	96	548	131	23,225	9 44
Malabar (South)	16,18,899	4,035	17,013	21 048	77	965	266	22,279	9 06
Tinnevelly	16,99,747	5,694	11,645	17,339	98	684	107	18,130	7·37
Malabar (North)	7,35,335	2,188	13,927	16,115	46	756	149	17,020	6 92
Godavari	17,80,613	4,535	9,381	13,916	128	697	112	14,725	5 99
Do. (Agency)	96,331	...	213	213	452	6	...	219	·09
Kistna	15,48,460	4,307	7,997	12,304	126	312	35	12,651	5·14
Coimbatore	17,48,724	5,666	6,033	11,699	149	236	21	11,956	4·86
Arcot (South)	18,16,375	2,625	7,970	10,595	171	243	54	10,892	4·43
Vizagapatam	17,90,468	1,947	7,693	9,640	186	301	40	9,981	4·05
Do. (Agency)	6,94,673	...	340	340	2,043	12	...	352	14
Arcot (North)	20,00,000	2,615	7,097	9 712	206	238	59	10,009	4·07
Salem	15,92,917	3,664	5,346	9,010	177	301	49	9,360	3·81
Trichinopoly	12,15,033	2,798	5,698	8,496	143	309	59	8,864	3 60
Ganjam	15 03,301	1,303	6,368	7,671	196	318	28	8,017	3·26
Do. (Agency)	2,45,993	...	91	91	2,703	5	...	96	·04
Chingleput	9,81,381	2,775	4,818	7,593	129	317	135	8,045	3·27
Nellore	12,20,236	1,752	5,390	7,142	171	222	40	7,404	3·01
Canara (South)	9,59,514	1,136	5,143	6,279	153	408	67	6,754	2·75
Bellary	13,26,164	1,393	4,482	5,875	226	148	24	6,047	2·46
Cuddapah	11,21,038	321	4,192	4,513	248	138	18	4,669	1·90
Kurnool	7,09,305	772	2,237	3,009	236	94	14	3,117	1·27
Total ..	3,07,03,590	73 221	1,63,028	2,36,249	130	8,209	1,510	2,45,968	100·00
Average per District ..	..	3,661	8,151	11,812	130	410	75	12,298	...
Madras ...	4,06,117	...	27,606	27,606	15	...	23	27,529	...
Total for the Presidency ...	3,11,09,707	73,221	1,90,634	2 63,855	118	8,209	1,533	2,73,597	...

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Comparative Statement of suits instituted, disposed of and pending in the Village Munsifs' Courts in the years 1884, 1885 and 1886.

DISTRICTS.	No. of Village Munsifs who tried cases			Instituted.			Disposed of			Pending.		
	1884.	1885.	1886	1884.	1885.	1886	1884.	1885.	1886	1884.	1885.	1886
Arcot (North)	184	165	191	2,095	2,266	2,615	1,910	2,320	2,652	371	317	280
Do (South)	96	66	79	2 903	2,278	2,625	2,985	2 237	2,640	119	154	136
Bellary	7	18	43	1,552	2,081	1,393	1,237	2,041	1,556	338	381	218
Canara (South)	63	102	100	1,214	1,492	1,136	1,080	1,331	1,148	286	469	463
Chingleput	101	420	100	3,266	2,723	2,775	3,176	2,732	2,593	247	121	285
Coimbatore	344	362	350	4,270	6,217	5 666	4,109	5,970	5,335	573	820	1,151
Cuddapah	54	42	36	787	419	321	743	454	318	78	43	45
Ganjam	38	50	46	2,563	2,231	1,303	2,561	2,210	1,365	218	125	65
Godavari	320	303	364	5,499	4,941	4,535	5,162	4,874	4,579	778	779	762
Kistna	188	340	384	3,196	3,585	4,307	3,171	3,520	4,302	308	373	379
Kurnool	8	6	18	558	517	772	526	515	766	52	54	60
Madura	370	356	456	11,811	10,421	11,917	11,481	10,267	11,538	1,079	666	1,477
Malabar (North)	70	92	52	5,357	7,114	2,188	5,141	7,363	2,302	242	139	67
Do. (South) ...	114	183	166	4,177	8,789	4 035	4,008	8,517	4,257	227	527	332
Nellore	78	113	127	1,420	1,589	1,752	1 347	1,478	1,494	436	547	805
Salem	243	205	203	3,770	4,277	3,664	3,705	4,310	3 685	225	203	185
Tanjore	377	386	363	14,069	13,657	11,778	14,046	13,569	11,646	848	923	1,041
Tinnevelly	284	273	317	4,522	6,031	5,694	4,553	5,888	5,728	615	758	724
Trichinopoly	48	53	80	2,792	2 869	2,798	2,760	2,888	2,808	281	262	252
Vizagapatam...	32	37	47	1,854	2,103	1,947	1,863	2,016	1,924	44	76	112
Total ..	2,969	3,572	3,522	77,675	85,600	73,221	75,564	84,500	72,642	7,365	7,737	8,839

C 2.

Comparative Statement of suits instituted, disposed of and pending in all classes of Regular Courts in the years 1884, 1885 and 1886.

DISTRICTS.	Ordinary and Summary Suits.												Small Causes.											
	Instituted.			Disposed of.			Pending						Instituted.			Disposed of.			Pending.					
							Total.			More than a year.									Total.			More than 3 months.		
	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884	1885	1886	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884.	1885	1886.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884	1885	1886
Arcot (North)	3,543	4,237	3,696	3,812	4,061	3,778	756	1,004	1,060	6	12	25	2,309	2,407	3,401	2,310	2,445	3,294	214	204	340	8	6	15
Do. (South)	3,820	4,738	4,124	3,654	4,814	4,312	1,101	1,140	1,054	31	5	3	3,423	3,328	3,846	3,571	3,302	3,857	246	319	350	6	6	3
Bellary	1,707	1,460	1,810	1,936	1,472	1,762	356	382	504	7	6	24	1,856	2,167	2,672	2,006	2,195	2,544	174	171	324	4	7	45
Canara (South)	2,707	2,667	2,242	2,699	2,645	2,204	913	1,023	1,067	4	2	11	2,816	2,486	2,901	2,955	2,533	2,958	270	283	313	11	10	11
Chingleput	3,104	2,924	2,304	3,168	3,249	2,456	1,501	1,357	1,265	183	183	136	1,848	2,041	2,514	1,848	2,036	2,309	199	233	517	14	4	104
Coimbatore	3,882	3,727	2,967	3,617	3,722	3,071	998	1,044	1,019	5	17	35	2,158	2,224	3,066	2,145	2,190	3,070	250	314	356	9	28	35
Cuddapah	1,850	1,879	1,448	1,877	1,868	1,425	239	300	341	1	...	6	1,946	2,354	2,744	2,050	2,398	2,677	172	147	244	2	1	13
Ganjam	2,967	3,169	2,998	3,117	2,982	3,002	623	884	816	.	2	7	2,783	2,643	3,370	2,802	2,688	3,427	317	319	437	3	3	25
Godavari	3,951	3,612	3,005	4,829	4,624	3,716	2,308	1,463	901	204	23	1	5,115	5,666	6,376	5,071	5,947	6,186	843	681	935	61	43	103
Kistna	3,578	3,348	3,168	3,665	3,641	3,411	1,209	1,024	907	46	38	50	4,035	3,397	4,829	3,951	3,637	4,919	465	332	409	12	40	37
Kurnool	1,113	1,306	1,238	1,030	1,456	1,130	332	200	330	4	2	3	825	992	999	838	1,056	935	106	49	124	5	1	1
Madura	4,156	4,100	4,032	4,269	4,459	4,053	1,322	1,166	1,448	44	12	25	5,442	5,366	6,597	5,811	5,502	6,728	508	535	561	84	55	36
Malabar (North)...	3,403	3,696	4,034	3,529	3,510	4 249	936	1,215	1,100	6	...	1	9,034	8,900	9,893	9,144	8,875	10,150	418	589	502	4	3	31
Do. (South)...	6,914	6,563	6,3[illegible]6	6,907	7,162	6,283	2,158	1,727	1,985	45	18	38	9,830	9,402	10,627	9,859	9,391	10,803	575	721	743	22	5	14
Nellore	2,925	3,028	2,360	2,726	2,910	2,267	991	1,148	1,287	45	81	148	1,963	2,201	3,030	1,929	2,145	2,858	205	280	474	4	49	70
Salem	3,282	2,910	2,799	3,171	3,002	2,840	977	983	1,021	15	81	130	1,901	2,003	2,547	1,941	1,993	2,583	182	237	295	5	3	5
Tanjore	6,025	6,012	5,644	6,597	5,821	6,173	2,110	2,441	2,053	40	328	128	13,693	13,612	13,681	13,943	13,726	13,790	1,311	1,424	1,516	169	101	130
Tinnevelly	3,403	3,331	4,007	3,309	3,626	3,913	1,708	1,527	1,775	148	148	126	5,291	7,131	7,638	5,516	6,762	7,750	433	883	907	7	130	51
Trichinopoly	3,196	2,978	2,102	3,278	3,958	2,595	895	921	467	2	1	3	2,365	2,415	3,596	2,461	2,310	3,550	206	351	442	3	1	4
Vizagapatam	3,775	3,708	3,717	3,576	3,775	3,726	839	817	853	...	4	2	3,770	3,672	3,976	3,730	3,718	3,982	323	294	313	1	2	5
Total..	69,301	69,393	64,081	70,766	71,857	66,366	22,272	21,766	21,253	836	963	902	82,403	84,407	98,303	83,881	84,849	98,370	7,417	8,366	10,102	434	478	738
Ganjam (Agency)	93	112	91	97	107	94	2	8	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Godavari (do.)	62	230	213	79	241	243	57	57	27	15	1	..	..	..	...	..	.	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
Vizagapatam (do.)	226	267	340	190	240	331	88	103	115	12	13	27	..		...	..		...	...	..	...	...	.	...
Total ..	381	609	644	366	588	668	147	168	148	27	14	27	...	.	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total...	69,682	70,002	64,725	71,132	72,445	67,034	22,419	21,934	21,401	863	977	929	82,403	84,407	98,303	83,881	84,849	98,370	7,417	8,366	10,102	434	478	738

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Comparative Statement of suits instituted, disposed of and pending in the Revenue Courts in the years 1884, 1885 and 1886.

REVENUE COURTS.	Instituted.			Disposed of.			Pending.					
							Total			More than a year.		
	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884	1885	1886.	1884	1885.	1886
Anantapur ...	...	...	1	..	...	1	.	...	...	...	...	...
Arcot (North)	224	520	378	136	446	395	106	188	270	...	8	17
Do. (South).	31	116	87	29	118	56	39	37	18	20	...	...
Bellary ...	1	...	3	1	...	3	...	...	...	..	..	...
Canara (South)	8	34	23	7	38	19	2	...	4	...	..	...
Chingleput ...	844	713	594	934	760	525	253	303	385	8	69	...
Coimbatore ..	156	54	67	160	54	63	1	1	6	...	...	...
Cuddapah ...	3	7	2	11	6	2	...	1	1	...	...	1
Ganjam ...	184	315	270	192	308	291	12	20	7	...	1	...
Godavari ..	187	182	184	232	210	141	26	16	59	...	1	...
Kistna ...	40	105	316	59	76	177	9	43	196	3	...	...
Kurnool ...	1	...	4	1	...	4	...	...	..	...	...	...
Madura ..	414	557	334	328	607	540	130	126	85	...	...	8
Malabar (North)	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...
Do. (South)	12	8	8	12	8	7	...	...	1	..	..	...
Nellore ...	83	70	44	95	60	52	4	14	6	...	..	
Nilgiris ..	..			...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Salem ...	366	239	388	331	342	385	133	51	69	...	3	
Tanjore	735	680	269	1,295	590	836	568	672	112	...	265	...
Tinnevelly ...	365	274	619	405	353	533	81	51	162	...	...	...
Trichinopoly ..	85	76	159	79	116	158	15	2	3	..	...	...
Vizagapatam ..	198	188	225	173	224	187	57	23	61	...	...	...
Total	3,937	4,138	3,925	4,480	4,316	4 377	1,436	1,548	1,445	31	347	26
Ganjam (Agency) ...	1	...	..	.	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Godavari (do.) ...	6	2	1	4	1	1	.	1	...	...	...	...
Vizagapatam (do.) ...	7	48	27	4	35	6	3	5	...	...	...	...
Total	14	50	28	8	36	7	3	6	.	.	...	...
Grand Total	3,951	4,188	3,953	4,488	4,352	4,384	1,439	1,554	1,445	31	347	26

C 4.

Comparative Statement of suits instituted, disposed of and pending in the District Munsifs' Courts in the years 1884, 1885 and 1886.

DISTRICT MUNSIFS' COURTS.	Ordinary and Summary Suits.												Small Causes.											
	Instituted.			Disposed of.			Pending.						Instituted.			Disposed of.			Pending.					
							Total.			More than a year.									Total.			More than 3 months.		
	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884	1885.	1886.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884	1885	1886	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884	1885	1886
Arcot (North)	3,291	3,688	3,291	3,643	3,584	3,357	640	806	779	4	4	8	2,309	2,407	3,401	2,310	2,445	3,294	214	204	340	8	6	15
Do. (South)	3,780	4,597	4,070	3,610	4,675	4,235	1,054	1,089	1,024	11	5	2	3,159	3,328	3,846	3,202	3,302	3,857	246	319	350	6	6	3
Bellary	1,664	1,432	1,780	1,877	1,435	1,731	345	377	492	6	5	24	1,063	1,182	1,639	1,153	1,172	1,579	100	109	181	1	4	13
Canara (South)	2,660	2,583	2,177	2,644	2,568	2,125	899	995	1,044	4	2	9	2,422	2,111	2,630	2,486	2,167	2,627	213	212	300	10	9	10
Chingleput	2,236	2,188	1,696	2,217	2,466	1,907	1,230	1,034	866	174	113	134	1,445	1,571	1,984	1,491	1,563	1,818	127	164	409	3	1	92
Coimbatore	3,598	3,525	2,789	3,328	3,528	2,889	930	961	936	...	12	17	1,738	1,794	2,735	1,768	1,796	2,701	172	202	278	1	1	1
Cuddapah	1,835	1,857	1,437	1,851	1,847	1,419	234	293	328	1	...	1	1,717	1,927	2,258	1,766	1,939	2,239	128	131	179	...	1	1
Ganjam	2,756	2,826	2,699	2,901	2,640	2,689	595	854	792	...	1	6	2,763	2,643	3,273	2,802	2,688	3,374	317	319	413	3	3	14
Godavari	3,719	3,353	2,731	4,547	4,334	3,497	2,247	1,410	787	197	17	...	4,063	3,898	4,661	4,169	4,020	4,615	404	367	501	10	11	18
Kistna	3,523	3,239	2,817	3,591	3,556	3,211	1,188	974	688	40	35	46	3,864	3,397	4,309	3,951	3,637	4,418	465	332	312	12	20	30
Kurnool	1,108	1,303	1,231	1,025	1,451	1,120	327	196	328	2	...	3	825	992	999	838	1,056	935	106	49	124	5	1	1
Madura	3,668	3,459	3,597	3,862	3,751	3,413	1,123	979	1,294	35	9	13	3,981	4,035	5,319	4,126	4,132	5,334	236	236	341	35	7	24
Malabar (North)	3,364	3,656	3,987	3,464	3,462	4,197	907	1,188	1,071	1	...	...	7,557	7,421	8,360	7,620	7,378	8,675	338	517	362	...	1	...
Do. (South)	6,738	6,396	6,236	6,734	7,015	6,111	2,095	1,634	1,894	39	10	25	7,814	7,340	8,427	7,961	7,354	8,529	386	474	509	16	4	3
Nellore	2,828	2,937	2,283	2,609	2,828	2,187	976	1,124	1,266	43	79	148	1,963	2,201	2,935	1,929	2,145	2,805	205	280	432	4	49	64
Salem	2,898	2,654	2,386	2,830	2,638	2,439	822	913	922	9	72	123	1,901	2,003	2,536	1,941	1,993	2,574	182	237	292	5	3	4
Tanjore	5,150	5,178	5,223	5,066	5,059	5,183	1,447	1,668	1,831	32	50	104	9,772	9,760	9,807	10,040	9,816	9,816	705	802	912	16	21	27
Tinnevelly	2,994	2,997	3,340	2,843	3,219	3,308	1,555	1,395	1,554	134	113	106	4,470	6,032	6,576	4,550	5,815	6,584	296	576	678	6	56	42
Trichinopoly	3,085	2,863	1,914	3,175	2,918	2,416	860	908	441	2	...	1	2,365	2,415	3,504	2,461	2,310	3,467	206	351	432	3	1	2
Vizagapatam...	3,548	3,489	3,445	3,385	3,513	3,512	762	778	755	...	1	1	3,770	3,672	3,976	3,730	3,718	3,982	323	294	313	1	2	5
Total...	64,443	64,240	59,129	65,202	66,482	60,946	20,236	19,576	19,095	734	528	771	68,981	70,129	83,175	70,294	70,446	83,223	5,369	6,175	7,658	145	207	369
Ganjam (Agency)	80	104	83	87	100	90	1	6	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Godavari (do.)	51	214	201	63	224	229	50	48	20	15	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vizagapatam (do.)	167	192	265	157	171	282	48	73	94	8	4	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	298	510	552	307	495	601	99	127	117	23	5	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total...	64,741	64,750	59,681	65,509	66,977	61,547	20,335	19,703	19,212	757	533	794	68,981	70,129	83,175	70,294	70,446	83,223	5,369	6,175	7,658	145	207	369

C 5.

Comparative Statement of suits instituted, disposed of and pending in the Subordinate Judges' Courts in the years 1884, 1885 and 1886.

SUBORDINATE JUDGES' COURTS.	Ordinary and Summary Suits.												Small Causes.											
	Instituted.			Disposed of.			Pending.						Instituted.			Disposed of.			Pending.					
							Total.			More than a year.									Total.			More than 3 months.		
	1884	1885.	1886	1884	1885	1886	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884.	1885.	1886	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884	1885	1886.	1884	1885	1886
Bellary (Tadpatri) — Beliary side ..	21	27	21	40	36	24	7	4	11	...	...	...	793	985	1,033	853	1,023	965	74	62	143	3	3	32
Bellary (Tadpatri) — Cuddapah side ...	1	5	1	1	4	3	1	1	..	...	...	...	229	427	372	284	459	337	44	16	52	2	...	11
Canara, South (Mangalore) ..	36	46	40	45	32	59	7	27	15	...	...	1	394	375	271	469	366	331	57	71	13	1	1	1
Godavari — Cocanada ...	19	25	55	12	22	40	16	21	39	2	4	1	678	780	1,027	533	882	943	262	172	268	49	24	47
Godavari — Ellore — Godavari side ...	5	11	20	2	5	20	3	9	11	...	1	...	545	600	388	369	633	628	177	84	166	2	6	38
Godavari — Ellore — Kistna side ...		21	15		21	10		2	7		...	1		388	520		412	501		58	97		2	7
Madura — East ...	41	48	58	46	48	58	24	27	27	2	1	2	614	493	480	652	488	520	66	97	70	7	5	10
Madura — West ...	28	31	39	29	47	37	42	31	38	7	2	2	847	838	798	1,033	882	874	206	202	150	42	43	2
Malabar, North (Tellicherry) ...	39	39	46	65	47	49	29	24	26	5	...	1	1,344	1,302	1,314	1,390	1,325	1,285	76	63	101	...	...	...
Malabar, South — Calicut ...	50	39	33	45	46	46	31	28	18	2	5	1	761	830	896	723	813	905	80	107	127	5	...	5
Malabar, South — Cochin ...	74	68	74	75	55	60	14	28	46	2	2	12	225	100	193	225	94	181	13	21	35	1	1	6
Malabar, South — Palghat ...	39	49	29	38	32	47	14	35	26	...	...	...	1,030	1,132	1,111	950	1,130	1,188	96	119	72	...	...	...
Nilgiris (Ootacamund) ...	106	121	97	111	133	94	58	54	60	5	3	11	420	430	331	377	394	369	78	112	78	8	27	34
Tanjore — Negapatam ...	75	61	46	87	63	58	37	43	37	8	7	14	1,791	1,396	1,462	1,857	1,400	1,471	195	222	238	82	49	77
Tanjore — Kumbakonam ...	32	45	52	39	46	43	17	18	30	...	1	1	1,167	1,421	1,419	1,053	1,523	1,447	316	230	226	70	10	9
Tanjore — Tanjore. ...	32	38	51	95	60	49	41	32	38	...	5	6	963	1,035	993	993	982	1,056	95	170	140	1	21	17
Tinnevelly ...	41	52	47	55	42	70	61	74	53	6	31	15	821	1,099	1,062	966	947	1,166	137	307	229	1	74	9
Total...	643	726	724	795	739	767	402	438	482	39	62	68	12,886	13,631	13,970	13,096	13,758	14,167	1,972	2,113	2,205	274	266	305
Assistant Agents' Courts.																								
Ganjam (Agency) ...	8	6	4	8	5	2	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Godavari (do.) ...	1	.	...	12	5	12	7	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vizagapatam (do.) ...	52	25	46	29	33	43	37	23	18	4	9	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	61	31	50	49	43	57	44	31	28	4	9	3	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	.	...	...	...	...
Cantonment Courts.																								
St. Thomas' Mount ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	403	470	480	357	473	456	72	69	93	11	3	11
Cannanore ...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	133	177	219	134	172	190	4	9	38	4	2	31
Total ..	..	..	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	.	536	647	699	491	645	646	76	78	131	15	5	42
Grand Total ..	704	757	774	844	782	824	446	489	510	43	71	71	13,422	14,278	14,669	13,587	14,403	14,813	2,048	2,191	2,336	289	271	347

C 6.

Comparative Statement of suits instituted, disposed of and pending in the District Judges' Courts in the years 1884, 1885 and 1886.

DISTRICT COURTS.	Ordinary and Summary Suits												Small Causes			
	Instituted.			Disposed of.			Pending.						Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.	
							Total.			More than a year.					Total.	More than 3 months.
	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1886.	1886.	1886.	1886.
Arcot (North) ...	28	29	27	33	31	26	10	10	11	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. (South) ...	5	25	17	5	21	21	8	14	12	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Bellary	21	1	5	18	1	3	4	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Canara (South) ...	3	4	2	3	7	1	5	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Chingleput ...	24	23	14	17	23	24	18	20	14	1	1	2	50	35	15	1
Coimbatore ...	22	27	14	18	7	23	9	28	17	...	2	7	...	...	...	...
Cuddapah ..	11	10	8	14	11	1	4	5	12	...	...	4	114	101	13	1
Ganjam ...	27	28	29	24	34	22	16	10	17	...	...	1	97	53	24	11
Godavari ...	23	20	15	36	32	18	16	5	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kistna ...	13	4	20	15	9	13	12	7	16	3	3	3	...	...	...	...
Kurnool ...	4	3	3	4	5	6	5	4	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...
Madura ...	5	5	4	4	6	5	3	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malabar (North) ...	...	1	1	...	1	3	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Do. (South) ...	1	3	6	3	6	12	4	2	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...
Nellore ...	14	21	33	22	22	28	11	10	15	2	2	...	95	53	42	6
Salem ...	18	17	25	10	22	16	22	19	30	6	6	7	11	9	3	1
Tanjore ...	1	10	3	15	3	4	...	8	5	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
Tinnevelly ..	3	8	1	6	12	2	11	7	6	8	4	5	...	...	...	...
Trichinopoly ...	26	19	29	24	29	21	20	11	20	...	1	2	92	83	10	2
Vizagapatam ...	29	31	47	18	38	27	20	16	37	...	3	1	...	...	...	...
Total ..	278	289	303	289	320	276	198	184	231	32	26	37	459	334	108	22
Ganjam (Agency.)	4	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Godavari (do.)...	4	14	11	...	11	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vizagapatam (do.)...	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	2	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Total..	8	18	14	2	14	3	1	4	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Grand Total...	286	307	317	291	334	279	199	188	234	32	26	38	459	334	108	22

C 7.

Comparative Statement of Regular Appeals instituted, disposed of and pending in the several Districts in the years 1884, 1885 and 1886.

DISTRICTS.	Instituted			Disposed of.			Pending.		
	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1884	1885.	1886.
Arcot (North)	198	360	238	195	297	371	100	165	44
Do (South)	247	238	243	205	256	246	80	66	64
Bellary	184	177	148	212	158	164	30	48	32
Canara (South)	379	386	408	466	390	390	120	132	164
Chingleput	403	328	317	261	326	404	188	186	105
Coimbatore	250	272	236	272	101	270	59	238	200
Cuddapah	165	138	138	240	142	63	...	...	75
Ganjam	175	226	318	164	210	235	72	91	179
Godavari	422	745	697	441	768	752	180	174	176
Kistna	227	242	312	221	256	187	218	205	332
Kurnool	59	122	94	47	56	134	16	82	43
Madura	567	638	548	572	661	600	193	184	155
Malabar (North)	608	679	756	502	593	543	276	373	591
Do. (South)	981	1,029	965	1,117	946	1,104	199	306	176
Nellore	186	269	222	308	250	230	47	66	60
Salem	262	334	301	210	348	224	229	228	306
Tanjore	626	600	951	658	531	676	91	184	472
Tinnevelly	388	540	684	385	406	414	264	405	683
Trichinopoly	179	288	309	195	215	499	172	252	68
Vizagapatam	332	347	301	259	342	221	106	112	192
Total...	6,838	7,958	8,186	6,980	7,252	7,727	2,635	3,492	4,117
Ganjam (Agency)	4	5	5	4	3	7	...	2	...
Godavari (do.)	2	5	6	3	6	6	...	...	1
Vizagapatam (do.)	11	10	12	7	9	9	4	5	8
Total...	17	20	23	14	18	22	4	7	9
Grand Total...	6,855	7,978	8,209	6,944	7,270	7,749	2,639	3,499	4,126

C 8.

Comparative Statement of miscellaneous appeals instituted, disposed of and pending in the several Districts in the years 1884, 1885 and 1886.

DISTRICTS.	Instituted.			Disposed of.			Pending.		
	1884	1885.	1886.	1884	1885	1886.	1884.	1885.	1886.
Arcot (North)	8	19	10	10	20	9	2	1	3
Do. (South)	20	14	24	21	14	22	...	...	2
Bellary	11	11	24	11	5	26	1	7	5
Canara (South)	57	79	75	61	73	81	8	14	9
Chingleput	11	32	13	12	29	15	...	3	1
Coimbatore	14	28	7	11	17	21	3	14	...
Cuddapah	10	8	8	10	9	8	1	...	...
Ganjam	7	11	24	9	8	20	1	4	8
Godavari	35	13	11	33	18	10	6	1	2
Kistna	19	15	17	14	19	13	7	3	7
Kurnool	4	4	3	4	3	4	...	1	...
Madura	36	52	51	34	45	60	7	14	4
Malabar (North)	59	53	69	54	50	70	11	14	17
Do. (South)	133	109	117	137	107	128	10	12	7
Nellore	11	7	11	13	8	10	...	...	1
Salem	9	15	7	7	18	6	4	...	1
Tanjore	24	52	38	24	50	38	1	3	3
Tinnevelly	17	25	24	20	22	21	...	3	6
Trichinopoly	18	11	11	18	11	10	...	...	1
Vizagapatam	17	11	17	18	11	19	1	2	...
Total ..	520	569	561	521	537	591	63	96	77
Ganjam (Agency)	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...
Godavari (do.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vizagapatam (do.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	..	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...
Grand Total...	520	569	563	521	537	593	63	96	77

D 1.

Comparative Statement showing the nature of suits instituted in all classes of Regular Courts except Village Munsifs', in each District in the years 1885 and 1886.

DISTRICTS.	1885.										1886.									
	Suits for money or movables.		Suits under the Rent Recovery Act.	Title and other suits.							Suits for money or movables.		Suits under the Rent Recovery Act.	Title and other suits.						
	Ordinary.	Small Causes.		Suits for immovable property.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, &c.	Suits for partition.	Suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits relating to religious endowments, religion and caste.	Other suits.	Total.	Ordinary.	Small Causes.		Suits for immovable property.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, &c.	Suits for partition.	Suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits relating to religious endowments, religion and caste.	Other suits.	Total.
Arcot (North) ...	1,498	2,407	520	878	1,174	27	50	2	88	6,644	1,047	3,401	378	910	1,173	25	72	1	90	7,097
Do. (South) ...	1,548	3,328	116	646	2,231	61	104	...	32	8,066	1,094	3,846	37	652	2,131	72	80	...	58	7,970
Bellary	699	2,167	..	419	256	13	38	1	34	3,627	866	2,672	4	513	349	12	30	...	36	4,482
Canara (South) ...	1,205	2,486	34	919	230	76	112	18	73	5,153	753	2,901	23	1,061	136	86	89	19	75	5,143
Chingleput	1,026	2,041	713	736	256	19	24	4	146	4,965	549	2,514	594	756	232	16	9	3	145	4,818
Coimbatore	1,805	2,224	54	905	789	46	52	2	74	5,951	1,224	3,066	67	934	580	32	60	2	68	6,033
Cuddapah	1,279	2,354	7	357	143	11	38	1	43	4,233	863	2,744	2	359	128	9	47	3	37	4,192
Ganjam	1,768	2,643	315	475	434	8	84	2	83	5,812	1,597	3,370	270	723	291	23	22	1	71	6,368
Godavari	1,196	5,666	182	1,423	316	95	131	3	266	9,278	418	6,376	184	1,433	492	104	96	2	276	9,381
Kistna	2,016	3,397	105	685	337	56	68	1	80	6,745	1,460	4,829	316	695	439	46	102	1	109	7,997
Kurnool	775	992	...	239	241	4	25	2	20	2,298	703	999	4	238	201	13	32	3	44	2,237
Madura	781	5,366	557	993	1,462	59	139	2	107	9,466	437	6,597	334	1,244	1,572	55	201	4	185	10,629
Malabar (North) ...	98	8,900	...	2,585	745	33	111	3	121	12,596	105	9,893	..	2,986	723	26	100	1	93	13,927
Do. (South) ...	1,531	9,402	8	3,827	723	100	133	4	237	15,965	1,308	10,627	8	4,049	597	111	114	...	199	17,013
Nellore	1,958	2,201	70	305	586	8	44	...	57	5,229	1,218	3,030	44	423	508	28	80	...	59	5,390
Salem	1,213	2,003	239	1,250	57	25	19	...	107	4,913	939	2,547	388	1,195	104	37	19	2	115	5,346
Tanjore	400	13,612	680	1,125	3,416	104	150	4	133	19,624	313	13,681	269	1,137	3,509	108	154	5	149	19,325
Tinnevelly	296	7,131	274	456	1,978	58	120	6	143	10,462	289	7,638	619	454	2,247	86	146	3	163	11,615
Trichinopoly	1,304	2,415	76	417	1,048	33	45	2	53	5,393	259	3,596	159	423	1,112	33	65	2	49	5,698
Vizagapatam ..	2,585	3,672	188	547	215	35	17	5	116	7,380	2,495	3,976	225	565	244	48	29	6	105	7,633
Total...	24,981	84,407	4,138	19,187	16,637	871	1,504	62	2,013	1,53,800	17,937	98,303	3,925	20,750	16,768	970	1,547	58	2,126	1 62,384
Ganjam (Agency) ..	72	...	...	36	...	...	..	...	4	112	58	..	...	30	..	...	.	...	3	91
Godavari (do.) ...	223	...	2	...	...	...	...	..	5	230	209	...	1	1	..	...	2	...	..	213
Vizagapatam (do.) ..	202	...	48	11	1	1	...	1	3	267	291	...	27	14	4	1	...	...	3	340
Total...	497	...	50	47	1	1	..	1	12	609	558	...	28	45	4	1	2	...	6	644
Grand Total ..	25,478	84,407	4,188	19,234	16,638	872	1,504	63	2,025	1,54,409	18,495	98,303	3,953	20,795	16,772	971	1,549	58	2,132	1,63,028

D 2.

Comparative Statement showing the nature of suits instituted in the Revenue Courts in the years 1885 and 1886.

REVENUE COURTS.	1885.						1886.						Remarks.
	Suits relating to distraint.	Suits for damages for extortion.	Suits for Puttahs or Muchilikas.	Suits relating to ejectment.	Other suits.	Total.	Suits relating to distraint.	Suits for damages for extortion.	Suits for Puttahs or Muchilikas.	Suits relating to ejectment.	Other suits.	Total.	
Anantapur...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	
Arcot (North)	466	25	29	...	...	520	264	29	85	...	...	378	
Do. (South)	23	...	93	...	...	116	3	...	33	...	1	37	
Bellary	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	3	
Canara (South)	16	4	..	14	...	34	8	2	..	...	13	23	
Chingleput	218	12	481	2	...	713	182	1	410	...	1	594	
Coimbatore	9	1	44	...	...	54	17	...	50	...	...	67	
Cuddapah	...	...	7	...	...	7	1	1	...	...	...	2	
Ganjam	44	6	252	8	5	315	27	1	229	5	8	270	
Godavari	33	5	118	23	3	182	39	2	126	15	2	184	
Kistna	69	1	34	1	...	105	59	6	248	3	..	316	
Kurnool	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	4	
Madura	129	57	370	1	...	557	216	9	109	...	...	334	
Malabar (North)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	
Do. (South)	...	...	...	...	8	8	...	...	...	...	8	8	
Nellore	34	6	26	1	3	70	13	6	18	1	6	44	
Nilgiris	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Salem	142	6	73	...	18	239	153	9	226	...	...	388	
Tanjore	23	...	642	...	15	680	60	4	205	...	...	269	
Tinnevelly...	56	...	217	1	...	274	298	1	318	...	2	619	
Trichinopoly	33	2	41	...	...	76	18	1	138	...	2	159	
Vizagapatam	45	3	107	28	5	188	44	2	154	25	...	225	
Total ..	1,640	128	2,524	79	57	4,138	1,402	75	2,354	50	44	3,925	
Ganjam (Agency)	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Godavari (do.)	1	...	...	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	1	
Vizagapatam (do.)	11	...	8	27	2	48	13	6	...	2	6	27	
Total..	12	...	8	28	2	50	14	6	...	2	6	28	
Grand Total...	1,352	128	2,542	107	59	4,188	1,416	81	2,354	52	50	3,953	

D 3.

Comparative Statement showing the nature of suits instituted in the District Munsifs' Courts of each District in the years 1885 and 1886.

DISTRICT MUNSIFS' COURTS.	1885.								1886.							
	Suits for money or movable property.	TITLE AND OTHER SUITS.							Suits for money or movable property.	TITLE AND OTHER SUITS.						
		Suits for immovable property.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, &c.	Suits for partition.	Suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits relating to religious endowments, religion and caste.	Other suits.	Total.		Suits for immovable property.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, &c.	Suits for partition.	Suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits relating to religious endowments, religion and caste.	Other suits.	Total.
Arcot (North)	1,486	876	1,170	23	50	2	81	3,688	1,040	909	1,166	22	72	1	81	3,291
Do. (South)	1,543	645	2,224	56	104	.	25	4,597	1,093	651	2,123	66	80	...	57	4,070
Bellary	683	417	256	8	37	1	30	1,432	850	512	345	11	30	..	32	1,780
Canara (South)	1,198	905	229	60	106	18	67	2,583	746	1,058	134	71	87	16	65	2,177
Chingleput	1,022	720	256	19	23	3	145	2,188	549	751	231	11	9	3	142	1,696
Coimbatore	1,741	901	741	38	42	1	61	3,525	1,182	929	541	26	43	1	67	2,789
Cuddapah	1,277	356	140	7	38	1	38	1,857	859	356	128	9	47	3	35	1,437
Ganjam	1,762	472	434	7	71	.	80	2,826	1,591	715	290	17	21	...	65	2,699
Godavari	1,179	1,391	312	87	128	3	253	3,353	395	1,416	483	83	86	1	267	2,731
Kistna	2,015	685	336	54	68	1	80	3,239	1,443	690	438	40	101	...	105	2,817
Kurnool	774	239	241	4	25	2	18	1,303	700	238	201	13	32	3	44	1,231
Madura	740	983	1,459	45	131	..	101	3,459	410	1,216	1,561	45	193	1	171	3,597
Malabar (North)	85	2,575	745	31	97	3	120	3,656	96	2,967	723	23	86	...	92	3,987
Do. (South)	1,469	3,775	723	83	113	4	229	6,396	1,255	4,020	573	97	104	...	187	6,236
Nellore...	1,951	301	585	6	44	...	50	2,937	1,209	414	506	21	80	...	53	2,283
Salem	1,213	1,247	48	23	19	...	104	2,654	939	1,193	93	30	19	1	111	2,386
Tanjore	365	1,110	3,377	87	135	...	104	5,178	283	1,114	3,465	89	131	1	140	5,223
Tinnevelly	286	453	1,964	48	111	...	135	2,997	279	450	2,245	69	141	...	156	3,340
Trichinopoly	1,301	415	1,038	33	45	1	50	2,883	257	418	1,101	31	62	2	43	1,914
Vizagapatam	2,577	538	215	30	14	5	110	3,489	2,431	551	244	39	26	6	98	3,445
Total...	24,667	19,004	16,493	749	1,401	45	1,881	64,240	17,657	20,568	16,591	813	1,450	39	2,011	59,129
Ganjam (Agency)	69	33	...	...	...	...	2	104	54	29	...	..	...	...	3	86
Godavari (do.)	210	...	...	...	..	..	4	214	201	.	.	.	...	..	.	201
Vizagapatam (do.)	180	10	1	1	...	...	...	192	251	11	1	...	...	...	2	265
Total...	459	43	1	1	...	..	6	510	506	40	1	...	...	...	5	552
Grand Total...	25,126	19,047	16,494	750	1,401	45	1,887	64,750	18,163	20,608	16,592	813	1,450	39	2,016	59,631

D 4.

Comparative Statement showing the nature of suits instituted in the Subordinate Judges' Courts in the years 1885 and 1886.

SUBORDINATE JUDGES' COURTS.	1885.								1886.							
		TITLE AND OTHER SUITS.								TITLE AND OTHER SUITS.						
	Suits for money or movable property.	Suits for immovable property.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, &c.	Suits for partition.	Suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits relating to religious endowments, religion and caste.	Other suits.	Total.	Suits for money or movable property.	Suits for immovable property.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, &c.	Suits for partition.	Suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits relating to religious endowments, religion and caste.	Other suits.	Total.
Bellary (Tadpatri) — Bellary side	15	2	...	5	1	...	4	27	11	1	4	1	...	...	4	21
Bellary (Tadpatri) — Cuddapah side	1			2	...	...	2	5	1	...	...	...	...	...		1
Canara, South (Mangalore)	7	11	1	16	5	...	6	46	7	3	1	15	2	2	10	40
Godavari — Cocanada	13	4	3	3	...	...	2	25	17	11	6	10	8	1	2	55
Godavari — Ellore — Godavari side	2	4	...	1	2	...	2	11	4	3	...	10	2	...	1	20
Godavari — Ellore — Kistna side	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	21	7	3	...	5	...	...	...	15
Madura — East	24	8	2	7	5	...	2	48	22	11	7	4	2	1	11	58
Madura — West	17	2	1	7	3	...	1	31	5	17	4	6	6	...	1	39
Malabar, North (Tellicherry)	13	10	...	2	14	...	...	39	9	19	...	3	14	...	1	46
Malabar, South — Calicut	22	4	...	7	5	...	1	39	13	5	...	5	7	...	3	33
Malabar, South — Cochin	31	33	...	...	4	...	...	68	35	14	24	...	1	...	...	74
Malabar, South — Palghat	9	15	...	10	11	...	4	49	5	9	...	9	2	...	4	29
Nilgiris (Ootacamund)	59	4	41	...	10	...	7	121	39	2	39	1	15	...	1	97
Tanjore — Negapatam	11	6	18	5	13	...	8	61	11	..	15	3	15	...	2	46
Tanjore — Kumbakonam	16	2	13	5	2	...	7	45	8	13	15	8	5	1	2	52
Tanjore — Tanjore	8	7	8	7	...	...	8	38	11	10	14	8	3	...	5	51
Tinnevelly	10	3	14	10	9	...	6	52	10	4	2	17	5	3	6	47
Total ..	258	136	101	87	84	...	60	726	215	125	131	105	87	8	53	724
Ganjam (Agency)	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	6	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Godavari (do.)	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vizagapatam (do.)	22	1	...	...	...	...	2	25	40	2	3	1	...	...	...	46
Total	25	4	...	...	...	...	2	31	44	2	3	1	...	...	.	50
Grand Total ..	283	140	101	87	84	...	62	757	259	127	134	106	87	8	53	774

D 5.

Comparative Statement showing the nature of suits instituted in the District Judges' Courts in each District in the years 1885 and 1886.

DISTRICT COURTS.	1885								1886							
	Suits for money or movable property	TITLE AND OTHER SUITS.							Suits for money or movable property.	TITLE AND OTHER SUITS.						
		Suits for immovable property.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre emption, &c.	Suits for partition.	Suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits relating to religious endowments, religion and caste	Other suits.	Total.		Suits for immovable property.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre emption, &c	Suits for partition.	Suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits relating to religious endowments, religion and caste	Other suits.	Total.
Arcot (North) ...	12	2	4	4	...	...	7	29	7	1	7	3	...	...	9	27
Do (South) ...	5	1	7	5	...	...	7	25	1	1	8	6	...	...	1	17
Bellary ...	1	..	...	...	...	...	..	1	5	...		...	..	...	..	5
Canara (South)...	.	3	..	...	1	..	.	4	..	...	1	..	...	1	..	2
Chingleput ...	4	16	...	...	1	1	1	23	...	5	1	5	...	...	3	14
Coimbatore ...	5	..	7	8	...	1	6	27	3	3	...	5	2	1	...	14
Cuddapah ...	1	1	3	2	..	..	3	10	3	3		...	..	..	2	8
Ganjam ...	6	3	...	1	13	2	3	28	6	8	1	6	1	1	6	29
Godavari ...	2	3	1	4	1	...	9	20	2	3	3	1	...	..	6	15
Kistna ...	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	4	10	2	1	1	1	1	4	20
Kurnool ...	1	...	...	...	..	..	2	3	3	.	...	...	..	...	..	3
Madura ...	..	.	.	...	...	2	3	5	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	4
Malabar (North)	...	..	...	.	...	...	1	1	...	..	..	...	..	1	...	1
Do (South)	...	...	..	...	..	...	3	3	.	1	...	...	...	...	5	6
Nellore ...	7	4	1	2	..	.	7	21	9	9	2	7	...	..	6	33
Salem ...	.	3	9	2	...	...	3	17	...	2	11	7	...	1	4	25
Tanjore ...	.	...	.	...	...	4	6	10	...	.		...	.	3	..	3
Tinnevelly ...	...	...	...	...	...	6	2	8	...	...		...		...	1	1
Trichinopoly ...	3	2	10	..	...	1	3	19	2	5	11	2	3	...	6	29
Vizagapatam ...	8	9	...	5	3	.	6	31	14	14	...	9	3	..	7	47
Total...	56	47	43	35	19	17	72	289	65	57	46	52	10	11	62	303
Ganjam (Agency) ...	..	...	..	...	...	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	..	...	...	1
Godavari (do.) ...	13	.	..	...	...	...	1	14	8	1	...	...	2	...	...	11
Vizagapatam (do) ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2		1	...	...	...	...	1	2
Total	13	...	...	..	..	1	4	18	8	3	...	...	2	...	1	14
Grand Total ..	69	47	43	35	19	18	76	307	73	60	46	52	12	11	63	317

D 6.

Comparative Statement showing the nature of Regular Appeals instituted in the several Districts in the years 1885 and 1886.

APPELLATE COURTS.	1885. Appeals from: Suits relating to money or movable property	1885. Appeals from: Suits under the Rent Recovery Act.	1885. Appeals from: Title and other suits.	1885. Total.	1886. Appeals from: Suits relating to money or movable property.	1886. Appeals from: Suits under the Rent Recovery Act.	1886. Appeals from: Title and other suits.	1886. Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Arcot (North)	57	116	187	360	56	25	157	238
Do. (South)	53	10	175	238	47	8	188	243
Bellary...	79	...	98	177	65	1	82	148
Canara (South)	88	1	297	386	97	3	308	408
Chingleput	50	130	148	328	61	27	229	317
Coimbatore	80	10	182	272	64	2	170	236
Cuddapah	42	1	95	138	40	...	98	138
Ganjam	70	14	142	226	103	8	207	318
Godavari	120	44	581	745	66	4	627	697
Kistna	110	24	108	242	159	35	118	312
Kurnool	44	...	78	122	34	...	60	94
Madura	62	115	461	638	89	116	343	548
Malabar (North)...	43	...	636	679	28	...	728	756
Do. (South)...	290	...	739	1,029	201	...	764	965
Nellore	170	13	86	269	114	1	107	222
Salem	49	121	164	334	59	40	202	301
Tanjore	37	38	525	600	38	298	615	951
Tinnevelly	42	153	345	540	26	200	458	684
Trichinopoly	93	11	184	288	56	18	235	309
Vizagapatam	133	25	189	347	130	3	168	301
Total...	1,712	826	5,420	7,958	1,538	789	5,864	8,156
Ganjam (Agency)	...	...	5	5	2	...	3	5
Godavari (do.)	4	...	1	5	5	1	...	6
Vizagapatam (do.)	5	...	5	10	8	3	1	12
Total...	9	...	11	20	15	4	4	23
Grand Total...	1,721	826	5,431	7,978	1,548	793	5,868	8,209

E 2.

Comparative Statement showing the value of suits instituted in the Revenue Courts in 1885 and 1886.

REVENUE COURTS.	1885.									1886.								
	Not exceeding Rupees					Exceeding Rupees 2,500.	Not estimable in money.	Total.		Not exceeding Rupees					Exceeding Rupees 2,500.	Not estimable in money.	Total.	
	50.	100.	500.	1,000.	2,500.			No.	Value.	50.	100.	500.	1,000.	2,500.			No.	Value.
Anantapur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	20
Arcot (North)	475	27	15	3	...	...	...	520	13,061	355	16	7	...	...	...	...	378	5,700
Do. (South)	86	8	2	...	...	...	20	116	2,601	32	4	1	...	...	...	...	37	886
Bellary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	142
Canara (South)	25	5	3	...	1	...	...	34	2,865	15	5	3	...	...	...	...	23	1,294
Chingleput	572	80	57	3	...	...	1	713	31,046	487	78	27	1	1	...	...	594	19,697
Coimbatore	41	5	8	...	...	...	...	54	2,500	48	14	5	...	...	...	...	67	2,834
Cuddapah	4	...	3	...	...	...	...	7	718	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	213
Ganjam	179	68	67	1	...	...	...	315	21,982	90	90	82	7	1	...	...	270	34,817
Godavari	101	46	29	5	1	...	...	182	15,588	95	47	35	3	4	...	...	184	20,888
Kistna	53	26	24	2	...	...	...	105	7,935	135	89	89	3	...	...	...	316	27,742

Kurnool	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	46
Madura	470	62	23	1	...	1	...	557	23,895	285	34	13	1	1	...	...	334	11,993
Malabar	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	213	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	125
Nellore	54	10	6	...	...	...	...	70	2,528	29	1	7	...	...	...	7	44	1,639
Nilgiris	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Salem	195	28	16	...	...	...	...	239	8,636	328	37	22	...	1	...	...	388	14,225
Tanjore	512	104	58	2	3	1	...	680	35,326	171	49	43	5	1	...	...	269	19,378
Tinnevelly	238	16	18	2	...	...	...	274	9,066	566	35	18	...	...	...	...	619	13,912
Trichinopoly	67	5	4	...	...	...	...	76	1,725	150	7	2	...	...	...	...	159	2,304
Vizagapatam	115	37	34	2	...	...	...	188	12,720	153	31	40	...	...	1	...	295	17,711
Total...	3,195	527	367	21	5	2	21	4,138	1,92,405	2,954	537	397	20	9	1	7	3,925	1,95,566
Ganjam (Agency) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Godavari (do.) ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	2	111	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	8
Vizagapatam (do.) ...	36	5	4	2	1	...	...	48	4,663	25	1	1	...	...	...	...	27	840
Total...	36	5	5	2	1	...	1	50	4,774	26	1	1	...	...	...	...	28	848
Grand Total...	3,231	532	372	23	6	2	22	4,188	1,97,179	2,980	538	398	20	9	1	7	3,953	1,96,414

E 3.

Comparative Statement showing the value of suits instituted in the District Munsifs' Courts in each District in 1885 and 1886.

DISTRICT MUNSIFS' COURTS.		1885.								1886.							
		Not exceeding Rupees					Not estimable in money.	Total.		Not exceeding Rupees					Not estimable in money.	Total.	
		50.	100.	500.	1,000.	2,500.		No.	Value.	50.	100.	500.	1,000.	2,500.		No.	Value.
Arcot (North)	O. S.	845	1,335	1,292	120	57	39	3,688	5,52,991	877	1,066	1,119	107	54	48	3,291	4,97,287
	S. C	2,407	...	...	...	...	...	2,407	55,372	2,857	362	182	...	...	...	3,401	1,10,996
Do. (South)	O. S	1,384	1,489	1,504	152	67	1	4,597	6,50,430	1,329	1,262	1,298	142	39	...	4,070	5,53,207
	S. C	3,328	...	...	...	...	...	3,328	74,159	3,403	323	120	...	...	...	3,846	1,10,809
Bellary...	O. S.	239	396	619	114	38	26	1,432	3,01,031	284	570	677	150	60	39	1,780	3,86,377
	S. C.	1,182	...	...	...	...	...	1,182	32,029	1,639	...	...	...	...	...	1,639	45,773
Canara (South)	O. S.	349	923	984	183	98	46	2,583	5,63,692	423	433	1,016	182	87	31	2,177	5,12,534
	S C.	2,111	...	...	...	...	...	2,111	52,963	2,133	497	...	...	...	...	2,630	87,083
Chingleput	O S.	496	774	783	68	31	36	2,188	3,18,160	455	520	605	60	29	27	1,696	2,70,652
	S. C.	1,571	...	...	...	...	...	1,571	33,880	1,717	166	101	...	...	...	1,984	64,494
Coimbatore	O S	475	1,260	1,465	187	81	57	3,525	6,63,974	491	808	1,179	179	80	52	2,789	5,85,129
	S. C.	1,794	...	...	...	...	...	1,794	46,572	2,029	454	252	...	...	...	2,735	1,20,812
Cuddapah	O. S.	187	823	723	67	26	31	1,857	2,98,391	234	554	511	74	31	33	1,437	2,37,483
	S. C.	1,927	...	...	...	...	...	1,927	52,156	1,938	270	...	...	...	...	2,258	70,078
Ganjam	O. S.	514	1,027	1,050	104	55	76	2,826	4,53,872	651	912	954	106	46	30	2,699	3,99,632
	S. C.	2,643	...	...	...	...	...	2,643	61,912	2,906	244	123	...	...	...	3,273	1,01,217
Godavari	O. S	715	842	1,290	255	120	131	3,353	7,31,237	724	523	888	301	115	180	2,731	6,58,484
	S C.	3,898	...	...	...	...	...	3,898	1,05,915	4,183	414	64	...	...	...	4,661	1,55,716
Kistna...	O. S.	637	1,174	1,191	138	48	51	3,239	5,04,865	634	860	1,037	136	55	95	2,817	4,79,668
	S. C.	3,397	...	...	...	...	...	3,397	81,895	3,744	359	206	...	...	...	4,309	1,[illegible]3,451

Kurnool	O. S.	172	583	444	47	27	30	1,303	2,11,095	175	540	429	44	13	30	1,231	1,79,859
	S. C.	992	...	...	...	...	...	992	25,743	999	...	...	...	...	...	999	25,456
Madura	O. S.	841	986	1,246	250	110	26	3,459	7,10,277	1,028	746	1,359	246	121	97	3,597	7,47,785
	S. C.	4,035	...	...	...	...	...	4,035	89,751	4,820	499	...	...	...	...	5,319	1,37,298
Malabar (North)	O. S.	1,793	797	846	144	59	17	3,656	4,57,937	1,926	873	915	181	74	18	3,987	5,30,825
	S. C.	7,421	..	...	...	...	...	7,421	1,58,003	8,360	...	...	...	...	...	8,360	1,76,406
Do. (South)	O. S.	2,361	1,651	1,899	293	162	30	6,396	10,09,337	2,318	1,632	1,807	280	158	41	6,236	9,81,765
	S. C.	7,340	...	...	...	...	...	7,340	1,71,461	8,427	...	...	...	...	...	8,427	2,01,562
Nellore	O. S.	444	1,097	1,156	136	55	49	2,937	4,97,654	512	799	740	115	50	67	2,283	3,76,086
	S. C.	2,201	...	...	...	...	...	2,201	52,802	2,316	375	244	...	...	...	2,935	1,17,990
Salem	O. S.	524	1,069	922	84	36	19	2,654	3,97,261	577	848	825	92	26	18	2,386	3,47,787
	S. C.	2,003	...	...	...	...	...	2,003	49,234	2,223	217	96	...	..	...	2,536	79,832
Tanjore	O. S.	1,762	1,019	1,648	485	262	2	5,178	12,19,025	1,746	1,061	1,701	480	233	2	5,223	12,02,180
	S. C.	9,760	...	...	...	...	...	9,760	2,24,717	9,807	...	...	...	...	...	9,807	2,19,398
Tinnevelly	O. S.	882	761	996	206	69	83	2,997	5,52,316	1,024	793	1,135	212	80	96	3,340	6,06,104
	S. C.	6,032	...	...	...	...	...	6,032	1,06,925	6,357	219	...	...	...	...	6,576	1,41,534
Trichinopoly	O. S.	699	995	982	122	63	22	2,883	4,68,647	661	484	577	125	52	15	1,914	3,39,144
	S. C.	2,415	...	...	...	...	...	2,415	54,504	2,697	398	409	...	...	...	3,504	1,41,132
Vizagapatam	O. S	413	1,472	1,329	146	93	36	3,489	6,26,659	482	1,312	1,349	163	93	46	3,445	6,34,698
	S. C.	3,672	...	...	...	...	...	3,672	65,919	3,827	149	...	...	...	...	3,976	91,068
Total ...	O. S.	12,732	20,473	22,369	3,301	1,557	808	64,240	1,11,88,851	16,556	16,616	20,121	3,375	1,496	965	59,129	1,05,26,686
	S. C.	70,129	...	...	...	...	...	70,129	15,95,912	76,432	4,946	1,797	...	...	...	83,175	23,42,105
Ganjam (Agency)	O. S.	57	23	22	...	...	2	104	9,032	57	12	17	...	...	...	86	6,281
Godavari (do.)	,,	123	44	47	...	...	...	224	15,381	122	46	33	...	...	...	201	13,050
Vizagapatam (do.)	,,	102	38	51	...	...	1	192	15,553	158	58	49	...	...	...	265	16,690
Total...		282	105	120	...	...	3	510	39,966	337	116	99	...	...	...	552	36,021
Grand Total...		86,143	20,578	22,489	3,301	1,557	811	1,34,879	1,28,24,729	93,325	21,678	22,017	3,375	1,496	965	1,42,856	1,29,04,812

E 4.

Comparative Statement showing the value of suits instituted in the Subordinate Judges' Courts in 1885 and 1886.

SUBORDINATE JUDGES' COURTS		1885												1886.											
		Not exceeding Rupees								Exceeding Rupees, 1,00,000.	Not estimable in money	Total.		Not exceeding Rupees								Exceeding Rupees 1,00,000	Not estimable in money.	Total.	
		50.	100.	500	1,000.	2,500.	5,000.	10,000.	1,00,000.			No.	Value	50.	100.	500.	1,000.	2,500.	5,000.	10,000.	1,00,000.			No	Value.
Bellary (Tadpatri.) Bellary side	O. S.	...	...	...	...	..	14	7	3	...	3	27	1,38,592	...	...	...	...	...	14	2	3	...	2	21	1,14,443
	S. C.	...	485	500	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	985	1,38,401	...	529	504	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	1,033	1,40,356
Cuddapah side	O. S.	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	2	5	13,277	...	...	...	...	..	1	..	...	...	...	1	2,531
	S. C.	...	218	209	...	...	...	...	...		.	427	54,382	...	183	189	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	372	47,678
Canara (South) Mangalore	O. S.	...	...	...	...	...	29	11	5	1	...	46	5,01,752	...	...	...	...	...	16	16	7	...	1	40	4,19,302
	S. C.	...	181	194	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	375	53,782	...	96	175	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	271	41,020
Godavari Cocanada	O. S.	...	...	...	..	2	13	5	2	1	2	25	3,04,112	...	...	2	4	3	26	14	5	1	...	55	3,56,197
	S. C.	...	340	440	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	780	1,26,082	...	320	707	..	..	...	...	.	...	...	1,027	1,71,784
Ellore Godavari side.	O. S.	...	...	4	1	1	4	...	1	...	...	11	34,199	...	5	1	1	4	7	1	1	...	...	20	97,121
	S. C.	...	270	330	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	600	91,070	..	303	385	...		..	...	...	...	...	688	1,09,579
Kistna side.	O. S.	1	...	7	9	3	...	...	1	...	...	21	58,010	...	...	...	1	3	10	1		..	..	15	46,877
	S. C.	...	183	205	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	388	53,838	...	257	263	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	520	73,809
Madura. East.	O. S.	...	...	...	...	...	29	11	5	3	..	48	44,88,071	...	...	...	...	...	28	12	15	3	...	58	28,46,357
	S. C.	...	203	290	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	493	74,292	...	188	292	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	480	71,792
West.	O. S.	...	...	...	...	...	11	7	8	...	5	31	2,64,489	...	...	...	1	1	19	7	10	1	...	39	6,71,636
	S. C.	...	423	415	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	838	1,14,964	...	382	416	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	798	1,10,659
Malabar (North) Tellicherry	O. S.	...	...	...	...	...	27	8	4	...	...	39	2,30,838	...	...	...	...	...	33	8	5	...	...	46	2,95,911
	S. C.	...	610	692	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	1,302	1,73,754	...	611	703	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,314	1,83,461

Malabar (South.) Calicut. ...	O. S...	...	...	...	...	...	34	3	2	...	...	39	1,56,277	...	...	...	...	1	19	9	3	1	...	33	7,95,448
	S. C...	...	348	482	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	830	1,31,711	...	374	522	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	896	1,43,313
Cochin. ...	O. S...	11	7	36	8	3	...	...	...	...	3	68	18,631	9	6	51	2	3	1	1	...	...	1	74	27,885
	S. C...	55	27	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	5,510	125	35	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	193	10,509
Palghat. ...	O. S ..	...	...	...	2	2	27	14	4	...	...	49	2,82,608	...	...	...	...	...	17	10	2	...	...	29	1,99,314
	S. C...	...	507	625	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,132	1,62,564	...	509	602	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,111	1,58,133
Nilgiris (Ootacamund.)	O. S...	...	...	31	45	26	7	7	5	...	...	121	2,92,844	...	10	24	27	16	7	8	5	...	...	97	2,05,220
	S. C...	180	123	127	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	430	41,183	127	87	117	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	331	85,208
Tanjore. Negapatam.	O. S...	...	...	...	...	...	40	17	4	...	...	61	3,57,107	...	...	...	...	...	27	14	5	...	...	46	2,75,326
	S. C...	...	646	750	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,396	2,02,136	...	750	712	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,462	1,99,071
Kumbakonam	O. S...	...	...	...	...	...	33	10	2	...	...	45	2,01,191	...	...	...	...	...	28	16	8	...	...	52	3,73,351
	S. C...	...	663	758	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,421	2,07,327	...	700	719	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,419	1,87,208
Tanjore. ...	O. S...	...	...	...	...	...	22	7	9	...	...	38	3,34,635	...	1	2	...	...	23	13	12	...	...	51	4,49,419
	S. C...	...	507	528	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,035	1,40,837	...	494	499	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	993	1,32,460
Tinnevelly. ...	O. S ..	...	...	...	...	9	28	5	10	...	...	52	3,49,488	...	...	1	4	5	25	9	3	...	...	47	2,34,198
	S. C...	...	497	602	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,099	1,79,303	...	432	630	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,062	1,42,101
Total.	O. S...	12	7	78	65	46	320	113	65	5	15	726	80,26,121	9	22	81	40	36	301	141	84	6	4	724	74,10,586
	S. C...	235	6,231	7,165	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	13,631	19,51,136	252	6,250	7,468	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,970	19,58,141
Assistant Agents' Courts.																										
Ganjam (Agency) ...	O. S.	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	776	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	920
Godavari (do.) ...	,,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vizagapatam (do.) ...	,,	...	8	9	4	2	...	..	...	...	2	25	9,260	1	14	21	7	...	...	...	...	...	3	46	10,713
	Total...	...	9	12	4	2	...	...	...	...	4	31	10,036	4	14	21	8	...	...	...	...	...	3	50	11,633
Cantonment Courts.																										
St. Thomas' Mount		361	75	34	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	470	16,955	369	70	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	480	19,960
Cannanore		154	12	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	177	5,604	204	9	6	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	219	3,466
	Total...	515	87	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	647	22,559	573	79	47	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	699	23,426
	Grand Total...	762	6,334	7,300	69	48	320	113	65	5	19	15,035	1,00,09,852	838	6,365	7,617	48	36	301	141	84	6	7	15,443	94,03,785

E 5.

Comparative Statement showing the value of suits instituted in the District Judges' Courts in 1885 and 1886.

DISTRICT COURTS.	1885. Not exceeding Rupees 50	100	500	1,000	2,500	5,000	10,000	1,00,000	Exceeding Rupees 1,00,000.	Not estimable in money.	Total. No.	Value.	1886. Not exceeding Rupees 50	100	500	1,000	2,500	5,000	10,000	1,00,000	Exceeding Rupees 1,00,000.	Not estimable in money.	Total. No.	Value.
Arcot (North) ... ... O. S.	...	1	1	3	2	12	8	2	...	...	29	1,43,897	...	...	...	...	2	10	7	5	...	3	27	1,72,323
Do. (South) ... ... O. S.	...	...	...	...	4	14	5	...	...	2	25	96,293	...	...	...	...	3	9	3	2	...	..	17	85,597
Bellary ... ... O. S.	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	..	..	1	3,416	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	5	14,125
Canara (South) ... O. S.	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	4	3,684	...	...	...	1	...	..	...	...	...	1	2	1,000
Chingleput ... ... O. S.	...	...	2	...	2	13	3	2	...	1	23	97,127	...	...	...	...	1	8	3	2	...	...	14	1,08,985
Chingleput ... ... S. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	14,190
Coimbatore ... ... O. S.	...	...	2	3	5	9	4	2	...	2	27	1,01,484	...	...	..	3	3	4	2	2	...	...	14	70,360
Cuddapah ... ... O. S.	...	...	...	...	1	4	2	2	...	1	10	55,542	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	...	...	1	8	35,323
Cuddapah ... ... S. C.	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	114	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	114	22,628
Ganjam ... ... O. S.	...	...	...	...	...	15	10	1	1	1	28	4,44,182	...	...	1	2	3	11	4	5	...	3	29	1,44,132
Ganjam ... ... S. C.	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	97	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	97	24,475
Godavari ... ... O. S.	...	...	4	1	3	8	1	1	...	2	20	57,496	...	...	1	1	3	1	1	3	2	3	15	7,07,698
Kistna ... ... O. S.	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	4	1,57,809	...	...	1	...	2	8	3	2	...	4	20	1,61,004
Kurnool ... ... O. S.	...	...	..	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	3	6,005	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	3	18,130
Madura ... ... O. S.	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	5	4,727	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	1	4	5,412
Malabar (North) ... O. S.	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	169	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1,211
Do. (South) ... O. S.	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	3	4,150	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	6	122
Nellore ... ... O. S.	...	...	...	...	...	7	2	4	...	8	21	2,08,096	...	...	1	1	6	16	3	3	...	3	33	1,59,072
Nellore ... ... S. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	95	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	95	27,997
Salem ... ... O. S.	...	...	...	...	...	6	7	4	...	...	17	1,59,026	...	...	2	1	4	9	9	...	...	...	25	1,03,127
Salem ... ... S. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	3,590
Tanjore ... ... O. S.	...	...	2	...	2	1	3	2	...	...	10	1,12,722	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	3	3,09,500
Tinnevelly ... ... O. S.	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	8	330	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
Trichinopoly ... ... O. S.	...	...	...	1	...	13	3	2	...	...	19	1,01,529	...	...	3	3	1	9	7	5	1	...	29	6,03,799
Trichinopoly ... ... S. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	92	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	92	28,436
Vizagapatam ... ... O. S.	...	...	3	1	3	15	4	...	1	4	31	8,97,756	...	...	..	2	6	19	10	5	2	3	47	8,36,397
Total .. O. S.	1	1	20	9	26	121	53	23	3	32	289	26,55,440	...	...	11	15	37	115	56	35	6	28	303	35,37,317
Total .. S. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	459	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	459	1,21,316
Ganjam (Agency) O. S.	...	...	..	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	3,160	..	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	640
Godavari (do.) „	3	...	5	2	3	...	1	...	...	...	14	14,273	...	...	2	3	4	...	...	...	...	2	11	9,426
Vizagapatam (do.) „	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	61,423	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	4,25,975
Total...	3	...	5	2	6	...	1	1	...	...	18	78,856	...	...	3	4	4	...	...	...	1	2	14	4,36,021
Grand Total...	4	1	25	11	32	121	54	24	3	32	307	27,34,296	...	...	473	19	41	115	56	35	7	30	776	43,94,654

E 6.

Comparative Statement showing the value of Regular Appeals instituted in the several Districts in 1885 and 1886.

APPELLATE COURTS.	1885.									1886.								
	Not exceeding Rupees						Not estimable in money	Total.		Not exceeding Rupees						Not estimable in money	Total	
	50.	100.	500.	1,000.	2,500.	5,000.		No.	Value.	50.	100.	500.	1,000.	2,500.	5,000.		No	Value
Arcot (North)	192	67	72	19	8	..	2	360	52,866	84	58	66	6	11	...	13	238	40,609
Do. (South)	97	47	77	14	2	1	...	238	37,366	110	42	75	10	6	...	..	243	36,786
Bellary	32	38	60	16	5	1	25	177	40,746	32	28	54	8	6	2	18	148	40,441
Canara (South)	122	75	125	28	6	2	28	386	75,672	124	76	130	17	13	4	44	408	84,502
Chingleput	136	61	121	4	5	...	1	328	37,666	141	57	108	7	4	..	...	317	38,703
Coimbatore	57	52	110	21	9	1	22	272	61,867	54	52	89	18	5	3	15	236	50,123
Cuddapah	24	37	52	8	2	...	15	138	23,594	29	36	47	7	6	...	13	138	29,366
Ganjam	48	55	75	16	6	..	26	226	43,790	107	51	74	17	6	...	63	318	44,980
Godavari	181	105	256	46	26	1	130	745	1,49,904	212	102	239	62	23	1	58	697	1,51,918
Kistna	74	58	95	9	3	...	3	242	35,511	11[illegible]	66	104	17	8	...	3	312	51,317
Kurnool	27	18	54	6	5	...	12	122	26,688	16	24	33	7	3	...	11	94	17,392
Madura	198	131	200	42	27	10	30	638	1,54,122	219	82	150	45	25	6	21	548	1,46,399
Malabar (North)	307	123	154	29	16	11	39	679	1,29,105	342	146	171	46	15	9	27	756	1,48,205
Do. (South)	359	216	322	68	39	9	16	1,029	2,44,494	346	194	296	67	50	12	...	965	2,69,934
Nellore	82	72	95	6	4	...	10	269	40,051	40	62	83	15	6	...	16	222	43,118
Salem	147	70	100	12	5	.	..	334	49,474	110	58	118	14	1	..	..	301	40,721
Tanjore	204	92	189	63	30	21	1	600	2,09,489	506	113	220	56	41	15	...	951	3,01,825
Tinnevelly	228	102	173	23	8	5	1	540	92,925	388	97	134	28	11	2	24	684	87,127
Trichinopoly	98	79	82	12	15	...	2	288	60,356	112	64	107	12	8	...	6	309	48,725
Vizagapatam	61	76	110	25	18	...	57	347	83,544	53	75	102	18	9	...	44	301	57,715
Total	2,674	1,574	2,522	467	239	62	420	7,958	16,49,230	3,139	1,483	2,400	477	257	54	376	8,186	17,29,906
Ganjam (Agency)	...	1	3	.	..	.	1	5	1,020	2	...	2	...	...	...	1	5	450
Godavari (do)	...	2	2	...	...	..	1	5	554	2	2	2	..	...	.	.	6	451
Vizagapatam (do)	..	1	4	1	.	..	4	10	1,495	1	2	6	2	1	...	..	12	4,735
Total ..	...	4	9	1	.	...	6	20	3,069	5	4	10	2	1	.	1	23	5,636
Grand Total	2,674	1,578	2,531	468	239	62	426	7,978	16,52,299	3,144	1,487	2,410	479	258	54	377	8,209	17,35,542

F.

Statement showing the manner of disposal of ordinary suits and small causes and their results in the Regular Courts in each District in 1886.

DISTRICTS.	Ordinary and Summary Suits.								Small Causes.							
	Withdrawn, confessed, &c.	Compromised.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Decided on oath or by arbitration.	Contested.	Total.	Number* that resulted		Withdrawn, confessed, &c.	Compromised.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Decided on oath or by arbitration.	Contested.	Total.	Number* that resulted	
							In favour of Plaintiff.	In favour of Defendant.							In favour of Plaintiff.	In favour of Defendant.
Arcot (North) ...	943	643	918	21	1,253	3,778	2,051	436	1,101	434	1,172	16	571	3,294	1,884	233
Do. (South) ...	980	570	1,255	77	1,430	4,312	2,665	499	1,484	218	1,431	60	664	3,857	2,338	327
Bellary ...	380	183	658	25	516	1,762	1,066	266	773	136	1,259	11	365	2,544	1,788	157
Canara (South) ...	328	318	361	45	1,152	2,204	1,294	371	1,040	405	608	105	800	2,958	1,613	282
Chingleput ...	520	466	497	9	964	2,456	1,293	311	664	318	567	15	445	2,309	1,386	202
Coimbatore ...	724	525	818	36	968	3,071	1,702	330	1,041	311	1,144	39	565	3,070	1,948	160
Cuddapah ...	341	144	399	8	533	1,425	833	197	1,064	40	1,178	9	386	2,677	1,840	119
Ganjam ...	479	553	567	82	1,321	3,002	1,773	339	847	634	1,009	45	892	3,427	1,951	277
Godavari ...	489	715	537	52	1,923	3,716	1,953	678	1,429	1,230	1,925	86	1,516	6,186	3,539	460
Kistna ...	710	381	884	62	1,374	3,411	1,956	526	1,341	334	2,235	59	950	4,919	3,084	482
Kurnool ...	330	107	306	2	385	1,130	680	99	383	45	338	1	168	935	565	29
Madura ...	751	817	835	95	1,555	4,053	2,019	720	1,256	1,639	2,071	151	1,611	6,728	3,521	665
Malabar (North) ...	333	831	697	43	2,345	4,249	2,625	571	1,586	3,158	2,831	245	2,330	10,150	4,779	938
Do. (South)...	787	918	1,460	80	3,038	6,283	4,264	660	2,197	1,900	3,633	304	2,769	10,803	6,749	759
Nellore ...	535	328	577	33	794	2,267	1,092	382	672	433	1,047	56	650	2,858	1,517	307
Salem... ...	721	559	595	28	937	2,840	1,341	383	866	456	874	31	356	2,583	1,284	177
Tanjore ...	1,192	1,251	1,021	77	2,632	6,173	3,610	537	3,839	3,280	4,015	142	2,514	13,790	7,133	772
Tinnevelly ...	513	1,171	578	68	1,583	3,913	1,767	562	1,157	3,378	1,390	339	1,486	7,750	2,765	640
Trichinopoly ...	630	580	417	52	916	2,595	1,161	336	902	821	1,026	64	737	3,550	1,779	216
Vizagapatam ...	1,108	494	612	78	1,434	3,726	2,252	475	1,779	481	861	38	823	3,982	2,210	334
Total .	12,794	11,554	13,992	973	27,053	66,366	37,397	8,678	25,391	19,651	30,914	1,816	20,598	98,370	53,673	7,536
Ganjam (Agency) ...	12	31	5	32	14	94	30	21	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Godavari (do.) ...	79	50	76	...	38	243	123	18	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vizagapatam (do.) ...	179	31	49	14	58	331	206	37	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total	270	112	130	46	110	668	359	76	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	13,064	11,666	14,122	1,019	27,163	67,034	37,756	8,754	25,391	19,651	30,914	1,816	20,598	98,370	53,673	7,536

* Excluding cases compromised and decided without trial.

G 1.

Statement showing the mode of disposal of appeals in each District in the year 1886.

APPELLATE COURTS	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Rejected under Sec. 551.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Total.	Remarks.
Arcot (North)	11	13	142	34	67	104	371	
Do. (South)	10	...	152	36	34	14	246	
Bellary	2	...	90	16	30	26	164	
Canara (South)	19	1	211	83	59	17	390	
Chingleput	38	...	273	33	51	9	404	
Coimbatore	15	19	155	33	38	10	270	
Cuddapah	3	4	44	3	7	2	63	
Ganjam	6	3	78	103	34	11	235	
Godavari	82	3	411	94	113	49	752	
Kistna	16	...	99	20	43	9	187	
Kurnool	5	6	95	11	14	3	134	
Madura	15	...	363	61	112	49	600	
Malabar (North)	49	...	327	54	95	18	543	
Do. (South)	16	120	539	169	217	43	1,104	
Nellore	13	...	138	40	26	13	230	
Salem	35	...	107	19	48	15	224	
Tanjore	109	...	344	89	111	23	676	
Tinnevelly	24	...	223	58	69	40	414	
Trichinopoly	37	11	267	59	120	5	499	
Vizagapatam	11	...	161	14	24	11	221	
Total ..	516	180	4,219	1,029	1,312	471	7,727	
Ganjam (Agency) ...	...	..	3	1	2	1	7	
Godavari (do) ...	...	2	3	...	1	...	6	
Vizagapatam (do.) ...	...	2	6	...	...	1	9	
Total ..	...	4	12	1	3	2	22	
Grand Total...	516	184	4,231	1,030	1,315	473	7,749	

G 2.

Statement showing the result of appeals from District Munsifs to District Judges and Subordinate Judges in 1886.

Name of the District.	DISTRICT MUNSIFS' COURTS.	Appealable decrees passed in disposed-of cases.	Appeals preferred.	Appeals decided.	Decisions affirmed.	Percentage of decisions confirmed to total disposals.
Arcot (North.)	Vellore	326	33	30	20	57·87
	Sholinghur	543	63	58	35	
	Tirupati	144	40	40	25	
	Arni	440	41	61	30	
	Chittoor	112	36	46	26	
	Total...	1,625	213	235	136	
Arcot (South.)	Cuddalore	278	54	57	44	64·91
	Chidambaram	248	32	33	23	
	Villupuram	381	51	42	28	
	Vriddhachalam	184	29	29	17	
	Tirukoilur	304	69	67	36	
	Total...	1,395	235	228	148	
Bellary.	Bellary	70	21	26	17	57·41
	Penukonda	228	59	67	38	
	Naraindevarkerai...	167	32	29	14	
	Gooti	365	31	33	20	
	Total...	830	143	155	89	
Canara (South.)	Mangalore	199	78	67	36	57·10
	Kasaragod	183	62	64	28	
	Udipi	195	71	67	43	
	Kundapur	155	54	49	22	
	Puttur	206	60	64	41	
	Karkal	164	61	48	33	
	Total ..	1,102	386	359	203	
Chingleput.	Chingleput	253	111	127	100	70 90
	Tiruvallur	203	52	58	23	
	Poonamallee ... ... Addl. Munsif's Court, Poonamallee...	239	127	90	72	
	Total..	695	290	275	195	

Name of the District.	DISTRICT MUNSIFS' COURTS.	Appealable decrees passed in disposed-of cases.	Appeals preferred.	Appeals decided.	Decisions affirmed.	Percentage of decisions confirmed to total disposals.
Coimbatore.	Coimbatore	220	63	70	56	71 91
	Udamalpet	273	55	63	39	
	Erode	179	44	32	22	
	Karur	171	59	61	43	
	Kollegal	28	4	5	5	
	Gudalur	11	2	4	4	
	Total...	882	227	235	169	
Cuddapah.	Cuddapah	92	33	13	10	80·00
	Nandalur	252	12	5	5	
	Proddutur...	286	44	24	19	
	Madanapalle	301	49	18	14	
	Total...	931	138	60	48	
Ganjam.	Berhampore	211	66	76	43	34 37
	Chicacole	194	37	18	6	
	Aska	279	78	23	14	
	Tekkali	389	129	107	14	
	Total .	1,073	310	224	77	
Godavari.	Rajahmundry	286	70	70	36	64 77
	Cocanada	246	144	114	71	
	Peddapuram	150	51	37	19	
	Amalapuram	344	122	116	91	
	Narsapur	385	103	90	60	
	Ellore	168	90	100	65	
	Tanuku	229	101	106	68	
	Total...	1,808	681	633	410	
Kistna.	Guntur	229	59	44	26	58·49
	Bapatla	153	26	34	22	
	Karempudi	261	55	23	14	
	Masulipatam	258	62	34	19	
	Bezvada	317	73	24	12	
	Total ..	1,218	275	159	93	

Kurnool.	Kurnool	193	27	24	21	78·99
	Nundyal	299	47	86	65	
	Cumbum	194	20	19	15	
	Total...	686	94	129	101	
Madura.	Madura	310	95	84	50	61·13
	Tirumangalam	238	136	136	89	
	Sivaganga	163	49	52	31	
	Paramakudi	290	31	45	25	
	Dindigul	212	77	85	52	
	Palni Hills	8	1	1	...	
	Addl. Munsif	35	17	37	22	
	Total ..	1,256	406	440	269	
Malabar (North.)	Tellicherry	504	124	94	61	65·25
	Kavvayi	335	149	66	41	
	Badagara	524	130	95	62	
	Paynad	496	121	77	58	
	Cannanore	444	112	91	60	
	Nadapuram	622	97	49	27	
	Vayitri	32	2	...	...	
	Total...	2,957	735	472	309	
Malabar (South.)	Calicut	610	141	17 1	100	61·03
	Chavakad	579	64	81	46	
	Ernad	400	54	68	42	
	Palghat	401	83	100	57	
	Shernad	390	65	77	56	
	Betutnad	340	73	79	60	
	Kutnad	505	134	144	80	
	Nedunganad	275	59	58	38	
	Angadipuram	454	94	107	68	
	Temmalpuram	308	102	128	74	
	Vayitri	70	28	28	15	
	Anjengo	5	1	1	...	
	Total...	4,337	898	1,042	636	
Nellore.	Ongole	513	74	59	34	63 88
	Nellore	435	115	130	91	
	Kavali	335	32	27	13	
	Total...	1,283	221	216	138	
Salem.	Salem	139	33	51	29	53·59
	Namakal	254	100	49	24	
	Tirupatur ..	180	67	21	12	
	Krishnagiri	196	59	32	17	
	Total...	769	259	158	82	
Tanjore.	Negapatam	144	43	34	24	62·16
	Mayavaram	106	31	32	25	
	Tiruvarur	207	86	75	38	
	Shiyali ..	94	43	40	20	
	Tiruturaipundi	196	15	11	8	
	Tanjore ...	231	73	67	46	
	Kumbakonam	167	62	61	35	
	Patukota	303	74	32	22	
	Valangiman	151	53	54	33	
	Mannargudi	126	42	38	26	
	Tiruvadi ...	204	89	82	50	
	Total...	1,929	611	526	327	
Tinnevelly.	Tinnevelly	223	27	27	10	61.56
	Srivilliputtur	309	71	67	37	
	Ambasamudram...	274	69	126	88	
	Srivaikuntham	197	63	49	25	
	Tuticorin ...	213	227	51	37	
	Addl. Munsif	117	7	...	...	
	Total...	1,333	464	320	197	
Trichinopoly.	Trichinopoly	262	66	100	65	61 69
	Ariyalur ..	284	52	74	50	
	Kulitalai ...	240	74	99	73	
	Trichinopoly Addl.	433	99	163	81	
	Total...	1,219	291	436	269	
Vizagapatam.	Vizagapatam	513	76	39	34	74·07
	Bimlipatam	164	38	25	18	
	Yellamanchili	333	72	40	30	
	Vizianagrum	355	24	17	12	
	Bazam ...	303	55	40	30	
	Parvatipore	240	33	28	16	
	Total...	1,908	298	189	140	
Ganjam (Agency.)	Balliguda ...	4	1	1	...	33·33
	Udayagiri ..	9	3	4	2	
	Parlakimidi	3	...	...	...	
	Surada ...	1	1	1	...	
	Sompet ...	2	...	...	...	
	Total...	19	5	6	2	
Godavari (Agency.)	Bhadrachalam	1	...	...	...	80·00
	Polavaram	31	5	5	4	
	Kotapally...	1	...	...	...	
	Eleswaram	1	...	...	...	
	Total...	34	5	5	4	

NOTE.—Statement giving the above information has not been received from the Vizagapatam Agency.

G 3.

Statement showing the result of appeals from Subordinate Judges' Courts to District Courts in 1886.

SUBORDINATE JUDGES' COURTS.	Appealable decisions passed in disposed of cases.	Appeals preferred.	Appeals decided.	Decisions affirmed.	Percentage of decisions confirmed to total disposals.
Bellary (Tadpatri)	10	4	7	1	14·28
Canara (South), Mangalore	40	19	8	5	62·50
Godavari ... Cocanada	7	2	4	1	25·00
Godavari ... Ellore	18	12	4	1	25·00
Madura ... East	17	12	10	4	40·00
Madura ... West	16	14	16	6	37·50
Malabar (North), Tellicherry	23	21	22	18	81·81
Malabar (South) Calicut	42	46	29	10	37·93
Malabar (South) Cochin	22	8	6	4	66·66
Malabar (South) Palghat	22	13	11	9	81·81
Nilgiris (Ootacamund)	28	7	10	1	10·00
Tanjore ... Negapatam	15	12	7	2	28·76
Tanjore ... Kumbakonam	23	18	8	6	75·00
Tanjore ... Tanjore	19	12	12	7	58·33
Tinnevelly	37	19	2	2	100·00
Total ...	339	219	156	77	49·35

H 1.

Statement showing the results of Proceedings in execution of decrees in the Regular Courts in 1886.

DISTRICTS.	Number of Applications in which Satisfaction was obtained: In full.	Number of Applications in which Satisfaction was obtained: In part.	Number of Applications in which Execution was wholly infructuous.	Amount realized: With the issue of process.	Amount realized: Without the issue of process.	Number of Applications in which immovable property was sold.	Imprisonment of judgment-debtors: Number of persons.	Imprisonment of judgment-debtors: Average detention in jail.
Arcot (North)	1,182	532	2,592	1,45,077	55,907	374	18	27
Do. (South)	1,238	875	1,970	1,32,667	45,604	627	59	22
Bellary	799	566	2,097	1,29,317	33,696	265	43	18
Canara (South)	1,176	790	1,713	1,94,482	67,926	173	63	25
Chingleput	714	259	1,096	80,259	9,135	199	78	12
Coimbatore	1,024	410	1,684	2,20,919	24,363	251	92	26
Cuddapah	687	371	1,593	51,412	16,838	211	62	24
Ganjam	941	732	1,222	95,240	59,291	301	29	18
Godavari	1,891	1,787	3,153	2,43,900	47,010	461	19	34
Kistna	1,353	773	2,043	1,54,986	22,531	353	24	22
Kurnool	434	198	489	51,226	12,511	108	20	31
Madura	2,083	1,150	4,473	2,24,926	3,29,489	789	102	32
Malabar (North)	3,319	2,048	5,176	1,86,522	1,20,656	455	38	22
Do. (South)	4,199	3,014	6,374	4,03,279	1,39,941	1,001	115	21
Nellore	923	462	2,770	83,457	38,427	194	9	22
Salem	1,045	534	2,029	66,477	50,367	225	29	28
Tanjore	4,078	2,252	5,495	3,95,798	75,023	1,092	131	34
Tinnevelly	1,660	632	2,008	1,90,237	55,418	367	63	26
Trichinopoly	1,112	442	1,487	1,13,436	15,506	301	57	24
Vizagapatam	1,038	703	2,216	61,270	48,314	203	23	24
Total ..	30,896	18,530	51,680	32,24,887	12,67,947	7,950	1,074	25
Ganjam (Agency)	11	4	...	219	847	...	...	...
Godavari (do.)	19	25	6	2,967	36	4	...	...
Vizagapatam (do.)	45	16	6	1,615	241	...	...	...
Total...	75	45	12	4,801	1,124	4	...	...
Grand Total...	30,971	18,575	51,692	32,29,688	12,69,071	7,954	1,074	25

H 2.

Statement showing the extent and results of Proceedings in Insolvency in the Courts of the several Districts in 1886.

DISTRICTS	Instituted	Disposed of			Pending	Number of insolvents discharged under § 355.	No. of insolvents' estates placed in Receivers' hands in which proceedings were finally closed	Amount of insolvents' assets.	
		Withdrawn, not prosecuted, &c.	Granted.	Refused				Realized	Disbursed.
Arcot (North)	24	10	3	6	8	3		...	...
Do. (South)	9	8	1	..	1	1	.	.	...
Bellary	22	19	8	...	2	..	.	1,389	1,389
Canara (South)	40	13	13	11	11	1	..	300	16,593
Chingleput	10	3	2	6	5	.	...	...	..
Coimbatore	27	13	9	7	8	1	.	3,084	2,966
Cuddapah	20	11	4	8	3		...	...	..
Ganjam	23	3	9	8	7	6	1	65	..
Godavari	26	22	4	6	4	.	.	4,483	725
Kistna	8	6	3	...	1	2	...	10	10
Kurnool	13	6	6	2	3	6	.	...	...
Madura	34	29	12	7	10	5	1	5,156	41
Malabar (North)	63	33	20	13	13	.	..	...	...
Do. (South) ...	83	34	25	34	17	10	3	133	...
Nellore	20	7	3	8	6	2	1	325	329
Salem	24	20	2	6	3		.	.	...
Tanjore	49	26	16	11	20	3	1	5	270
Tinnevelly	25	21	5	1	7	1	1	12	..
Trichinopoly . .	20	9	11	4	4		.	.	...
Vizagapatam . ..	23	14	6	5	5			..	...
Total ..	563	307	162	143	138	41	8	14,962	22,323

I 1.

Statement showing the work received, disposed of and pending, and the average pendency of cases in the Revenue Courts in 1886.

REVENUE COURTS.	Summary Suits under the Rent Recovery Act.								Petitions disposed of.		Remarks.
	Instituted.	Disposed of				Pending	Average duration of cases in days.		Execution.	Miscellaneous.	
		Total.	Compromised.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.*		Uncontested.	Contested.			
Anantapur	1	1	.	...	...	.	..	..	..	2	* Cases decided on oath or by arbitration are excluded from this head in statements I 1 to I 4.
Arcot (North)	378	395	42	34	164	270	140	198	9	..	
Do. (South)	37	56	2	3	24	18	95	151	24	14	
Bellary	3	3	..	..	..		40	.	...		
Canara (South)	23	19	2	5	10	4	46	38	6	153	
Chingleput	594	525	85	60	259	385	112	275	14	942	
Coimbatore	67	65	5	15	38	6	15	83	4	2	
Cuddapah	2	2	..	1	1	1	152	39	..	..	
Ganjam	270	291	11	9	234	7	63	29	119	172	
Godavari	184	141	20	25	78	59	66	89	10	341	
Kistna	316	177	13	5	143	196	143	122	3	...	
Kurnool	4	4	...	..	1	...	..	31	...	...	
Madura	334	540	10	137	236	85	26	88	47	6	
Malabar (North)	.	...	...	...	..	...	...	.	...	..	
Do. (South)	8	7	4	...	2	1	24	41	...	...	
Nellore	44	52	7	4	27	6	82	64	4	...	
Nilgiris	..	...	..	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	
Salem	388	385	25	64	162	69	97	82	45	11	
Tanjore	269	836	31	15	724	112	72	283	23	151	
Tinnevelly	619	533	13	110	314	162	46	88	16	4	
Trichinopoly	159	158	7	4	92	3	51	133	.	3	
Vizagapatam	225	187	28	15	105	61	65	56	11	16	
Total ..	3,925	4,377	305	506	2,614	1,445	...	...	335	1,817	
Ganjam (Agency)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	
Godavari (do)	1	1	...	...		...	...	89	...	..	
Vizagapatam (do.)	27	6	2	...		...	...	74	...	...	
Total..	28	7	2	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	
Grand Total ..	3,953	4,384	307	506	2,618	1,445	...	.	335	1,817	

I 2.

Statement showing the work received, disposed of and pending, and the average pendency of cases in each District Munsif's Court in 1886.

District Munsifs' Courts.		Ordinary and Summary Suits.								Small Causes.								Petitions disposed of.	
			Disposed of.					Average duration of cases in days.			Disposed of.					Average duration of cases in days.			
		Instituted.	Total.	Compromised.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.	Pending.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Instituted.	Total.	Compromised.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.	Pending.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Execution.	Miscellaneous
Arcot (North).	Vellore	543	647	66	135	262	93	48	140	1,200	1,143	101	383	167	146	40	72	1,240	3,059
	Sholinghur	904	1,009	139	218	314	93	38	70	508	520	32	157	117	18	27	33	1,131	1,617
	Tirupati	670	679	246	239	144	165	61	169	712	681	196	309	101	60	36	38	1,971	1,051
	Chittoor	472	353	54	66	113	243	63	148	336	329	35	68	74	54	36	52	595	659
	Arni	702	669	90	224	216	185	52	167	645	621	70	255	112	62	32	46	1,210	2,297
	Total ..	3,291	3,357	595	882	1,079	779	...	...	3,401	3,294	434	1,172	571	340			6,147	8,683
Arcot (South).	Cuddalore	886	899	55	316	278	123	33	69	1,711	1,627	25	719	235	131	28	28	3,081	1,967
	Chidambaram	824	787	177	214	248	249	69	103	403	408	67	142	81	34	31	40	1,486	2,756
	Villupuram	992	1,100	129	323	381	253	115	112	754	848	54	268	140	55	43	51	1,724	2,551
	Vriddhachalam	665	662	106	193	184	211	70	138	458	426	49	129	63	88	58	69	922	2,527
	Tirukoilur	703	787	99	203	304	188	67	125	520	548	23	173	145	42	30	34	960	1,810
	Total ..	4,070	4,235	566	1,249	1,395	1,024	..	.	3,846	3,857	218	1,431	664	350	...	.	8,123	11,611
Bellary.	Bellary	361	319	18	128	70	144	38	232	724	679	70	344	90	95	46	62	1,037	1,343
	Penukonda	470	464	45	140	180	122	57	116	226	222	16	81	40	25	39	45	824	1,355
	Narandavarkerai. ...	376	370	43	166	110	122	57	222	106	95	2	65	11	19	31	52	1,150	1,322
	Gooti	573	578	73	223	142	104	49	123	583	583	22	298	85	42	30	54	1,248	1,064
	Total .	1,780	1,731	179	657	502	492	..	..	1,639	1,579	110	788	226	181	..	.	3,459	5,084
Canara (South)	Mangalore	332	322	28	45	199	158	89	200	707	718	67	134	204	64	41	44	897	1,168
	Kasaragod	355	359	47	76	183	144	89	208	183	192	48	58	35	10	27	32	555	1,651
	Udipi	347	355	67	42	195	159	106	212	590	566	117	123	123	75	55	76	926	2,015
	Kundapur	356	362	67	48	155	127	109	168	710	702	101	93	197	69	54	62	922	2,114
	Puttur	348	389	32	73	206	184	81	236	207	234	13	68	83	32	33	50	493	2,087
	Karkal	439	338	74	70	164	272	132	277	233	215	28	36	52	50	67	71	573	1,631
	Total ..	2,177	2,125	315	354	1,102	1,044	..	..	2,630	2,627	374	512	694	300	..	..	4,366	10,666

Chingleput.	Chingleput	477	548	84	109	253	328	98	324	791	669	55	250	147	167	51	90	1,500	2,254
	Poonamallee	685	551	142	204	120	870	73	111	702	654	151	284	117	160	39	72	1,457	1,679
	Tiruvallur	533	643	111	119	203	168	93	292	491	488	75	99	96	82	40	147	1,012	1,299
	Addl. Munsif	1	165	36	4	119	...	451	443	...	7	...	3	3	...	...	...	..	...
	Total...	1,696	1,907	373	435	695	866	...	...	1,984	1,818	281	636	363	409	...	...	3,969	5,232
Coimbatore.	Coimbatore	606	661	156	138	220	237	84	192	987	944	130	377	146	115	42	56	1,097	2,539
	Udamalpet	812	737	108	221	273	219	33	142	405	396	55	131	56	29	23	32	727	1,682
	Erode	539	627	119	158	179	224	85	230	840	837	60	321	180	90	84	47	1,356	2,479
	Karur	544	582	86	155	171	152	53	170	329	337	28	124	65	28	32	42	746	1,276
	Kollegal	228	216	12	99	28	85	81	286	119	118	..	56	8	15	52	54	211	405
	Gudalur	60	66	25	17	11	19	82	62	55	69	24	25	9	1	53	49	67	83
	Total ...	2,789	2,889	506	788	882	936	.	..	2,735	2,701	297	1,034	464	278	...	..	4,204	8,464
Cuddapah.	Cuddapah	164	157	20	17	74	45	37	90	780	749	11	251	122	57	19	43	891	1,066
	Nundalur	418	405	27	151	101	74	44	85	397	427	7	208	46	34	33	48	769	1,792
	Proddutur	420	424	52	142	143	63	33	80	804	794	12	410	102	57	20	32	1,551	1,905
	Madanapalle	435	433	44	87	214	146	60	152	277	269	5	88	44	31	27	41	675	970
	Total .	1,437	1,419	143	397	532	328	...	...	2,258	2,239	35	957	314	179	...	...	3,886	5,733
Ganjam.	Berhampore	496	522	85	118	211	174	73	141	1,330	1,376	279	398	271	237	38	50	1,532	1,985
	Chicacole	408	380	28	85	194	124	37	97	348	338	10	83	106	33	24	54	781	1,930
	Aska	1,094	982	279	157	279	319	67	117	864	923	219	248	168	80	38	71	1,103	2,496
	Tekkali	701	805	147	196	389	175	86	139	731	737	107	271	331	63	52	53	1,167	2,507
	Total...	2,699	2,689	539	556	1,073	792	...	...	3,273	3,374	615	1,000	876	413	...	...	4,583	8,918
Godavari.	Rajahmundry	386	493	76	56	286	114	94	139	894	855	171	303	255	149	65	79	1,980	3,579
	Cocanada	397	486	101	70	246	85	78	149	662	654	93	207	163	75	48	51	1,585	2,793
	Peddapuram	348	376	110	30	150	76	82	193	819	814	205	171	138	31	39	89	1,607	1,527
	Amalapuram	450	575	87	73	344	206	93	204	665	667	148	206	164	106	38	86	1,909	4,409
	Narsapur	530	824	192	122	385	171	145	278	698	674	149	186	158	56	35	47	1,902	2,851
	Ellore	269	290	34	82	168	42	39	67	500	491	44	209	89	45	32	38	1,323	1,853
	Tanuku	351	453	83	98	229	93	84	168	423	460	95	168	109	39	31	67	1,209	2,493
	Total ..	2,731	3,497	682	511	1,808	787	...	..	4,661	4,615	905	1,450	1,076	501	...	..	11,515	19,505
Kistna.	Guntur	519	606	93	167	229	172	75	223	682	671	43	379	121	50	33	42	1,135	2,721
	Bapatla	420	460	68	111	153	91	60	121	763	733	76	255	141	66	27	42	1,633	2,479
	Karempudi	652	664	65	124	261	112	36	86	361	385	21	106	68	19	23	40	1,027	1,818
	Masulipatam	729	863	74	362	258	188	87	267	1,187	1,245	35	648	162	104	62	77	2,083	2,503
	Bezvada	497	612	65	110	321	125	69	149	1,316	1,384	116	653	285	73	28	54	2,388	4,181
	Total ..	2,817	3,211	365	874	1,222	688	...	..	4,309	4,418	291	2,041	777	312	...	...	8,256	13,702
Kurnool.	Kurnool	329	346	32	86	107	52	56	114	212	218	9	72	47	12	35	35	444	532
	Nandyal	523	427	37	121	178	178	39	87	377	337	25	133	73	53	34	41	991	1,561
	Cuddbum	379	347	38	99	95	98	68	127	410	380	11	133	48	59	54	56	523	800
	Total ..	1,231	1,120	107	306	380	328	...	..	999	935	45	338	168	124	...	...	1,958	2,893

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Statement showing the work received, disposed of and pending, and the average pendency of cases in each District Munsif's Court in 1886.—(*Continued.*)

	DISTRICT MUNSIFS' COURTS.	Ordinary and Summary Suits								Small Causes.								Petitions disposed of.	
		Instituted.	Disposed of.				Pending.	Average duration of cases in days		Instituted.	Disposed of.				Pending.	Average duration of cases in days		Execution.	Miscellaneous.
			Total.	Compromised	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.		Uncontested.	Contested.		Total.	Compromised.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.		Uncontested.	Contested.		
Madura.	Madura ...	470	650	139	116	310	129	55	173	1,130	1,013	249	318	255	3	18	34	1,852	2,870
	Tirumangalam .	638	496	92	65	238	271	53	173	869	1,071	166	260	307	67	43	63	1 273	2,409
	Sivaganga ...	717	623	199	99	163	355	84	163	711	679	141	174	152	107	33	42	1,722	2,892
	Paramakudi ...	905	882	136	221	290	271	75	116	925	910	140	380	145	51	33	53	2,385	5,448
	Dindigul ...	681	628	191	158	212	259	63	195	1,345	1,380	530	469	234	110	47	73	1,059	2,259
	Addl Munsif ...	140	85	19	20	35	...	16	25	323	263	88	86	67	...	11	17	1	218
	Palni Hills ...	46	49	18	9	8	9	121	306	16	18	4	4	2	3	64	28	38	50
	Total ..	3,597	3,413	794	688	1,256	1,294	...	...	5,319	5,334	1,318	1,691	1,162	341	...	..	8,330	16,146
Malabar (North.)	Tellicherry ...	753	696	49	108	397	270	54	112	1,661	1,818	222	552	423	62	27	32	3,240	3,686
	Kavvayi ...	590	617	145	111	335	110	47	92	1,030	1,054	332	234	283	62	25	31	1,611	1,766
	Badagara ...	708	722	139	79	445	140	54	76	1,584	1,615	556	495	330	62	20	23	2,067	3,664
	Paynad ...	742	663	151	116	380	295	68	150	1,445	1,422	649	373	214	117	34	39	2,676	2,672
	Cannanore ...	566	652	175	131	306	178	80	156	1,135	1,159	480	290	178	34	19	25	1,327	2,577
	Nadapuram . ..	628	847	155	149	450	78	69	119	1,505	1,607	531	435	376	25	25	33	1,811	3,260
	Total ..	3,987	4,197	814	694	2,313	1,071	.	..	8,360	8,675	2,770	2,379	1,804	362	.	.	12,732	17,625
Malabar (South.)	Calicut ...	883	850	150	148	464	257	60	124	2,050	2,042	526	743	423	95	21	26	3,598	4,460
	Chavakad ..	823	826	95	225	356	159	58	87	668	680	65	318	183	41	26	29	1,665	1,728
	Ernad ...	588	553	89	152	248	212	66	166	246	277	61	89	86	15	39	54	915	1,595
	Palghat ...	631	590	110	96	306	227	54	165	1,405	1,436	248	453	277	63	31	56	1,938	4,434
	Shernad ...	633	596	157	165	226	115	31	50	787	747	305	227	113	60	14	18	1,278	2,253
	Betatnad ...	528	475	54	105	241	192	51	153	680	675	80	259	177	62	27	30	1,354	2,225
	Kutnad ...	603	662	73	183	324	271	104	243	491	480	56	190	100	45	30	44	1 323	2,089
	Nedunganad ...	355	390	50	84	191	66	52	132	487	496	68	142	133	49	27	42	1,040	2,393
	Angadipuram ..	601	599	60	155	299	110	36	79	381	395	75	110	122	16	24	29	918	1,918
	Temalpuram ..	420	421	47	86	227	193	155	197	1,121	1,180	188	260	309	53	25	26	1,295	2,213
	Vayitri .	167	143	8	35	69	92	87	223	100	111	7	54	28	9	52	65	302	558
	Anjengo ..	4	6	1	3	2	...	15	87	11	10	3	1	3	1	19	12	11	36
	Total ..	6,236	6,111	894	1,437	2,953	1,894	..	...	8,427	8,529	1,682	2,846	1,954	509	...	.	15,637	25,902

Nellore.	Nellore ...	652	702	116	101	334	371	94	248	1,883	1,792	329	580	403	130	38	79	2,222	2,812
	Ongole ...	800	748	92	295	253	484	109	328	560	524	50	264	132	84	44	69	1,504	2,549
	Kavali ...	831	737	111	176	159	411	105	205	492	489	48	198	80	158	85	103	1,006	1,528
	Total...	2,283	2,187	319	572	746	1,266	..	.	2,935	2,805	427	1,042	620	432	..	...	4,732	6,889
Salem.	Salem ...	540	583	105	143	140	335	98	307	1,000	1,032	141	410	150	96	28	53	1,978	3,318
	Namakal ...	539	574	91	103	254	191	59	153	319	345	54	94	48	20	28	37	859	2,022
	Tirupatur ...	763	727	193	169	180	228	80	173	802	763	157	238	98	144	51	71	1,449	1,627
	Krishnagiri ...	544	555	141	116	196	168	89	193	415	434	99	130	60	32	37	53	1,067	2,091
	Total...	2.386	2,439	530	531	770	922	..	...	2,536	2,574	451	872	356	292	...	..	5,353	9,058
Tanjore.	Negapatam ...	459	380	111	66	135	222	94	274	1,045	1,071	284	419	201	87	30	50	1,225	3,689
	Mayavaram ...	383	440	118	86	105	113	92	161	890	893	239	246	100	116	44	64	1,102	2,481
	Tiruvarur ...	541	487	90	69	200	158	37	103	1,133	1,087	213	208	212	122	34	47	1,304	2,489
	Shiyali ...	254	224	36	50	89	102	50	215	447	452	73	132	110	22	17	25	769	1,971
	Tiruturaipundi ...	475	447	58	104	177	184	81	118	590	577	67	166	121	68	52	66	1,062	2,295
	Tanjore ...	588	587	157	88	226	202	66	160	1,248	1,263	241	351	205	53	21	33	1,659	3,148
	Kumbakonam ...	402	433	120	104	159	161	91	275	1,176	1,166	316	342	134	177	41	66	1,514	2,582
	Patukota ...	695	761	103	159	299	136	49	175	471	553	112	139	119	20	73	83	1,134	2,988
	Valangiman ...	418	418	132	102	141	170	88	189	842	842	290	200	125	69	26	38	1,449	2,379
	Mannargudi ...	495	442	129	86	120	216	50	138	1,017	983	271	236	163	105	22	42	1,347	3,824
	Tiruvadi ...	513	564	137	80	196	167	72	166	942	929	153	234	171	73	27	35	1,350	2,509
	Total ..	5,223	5,183	1,191	994	1,847	1,831	..	..	9,807	9,816	2,259	2,673	1,661	912	...	...	13,915	30,355
Tinnevelly.	Tinnevelly ...	449	449	176	36	186	194	160	305	927	1,022	500	211	141	160	41	69	804	2,527
	Srivilliputur ...	701	748	294	93	310	277	96	357	392	401	191	95	93	33	23	51	920	4,287
	Ambasamudram ...	605	596	147	77	195	237	56	242	1,695	1,779	662	298	269	81	19	74	1,277	4,183
	Srivaikuntham ...	731	556	243	68	198	356	90	199	2,180	2,020	1,032	199	430	340	36	55	1,255	4,617
	Tuticorin ...	836	697	246	174	218	290	42	113	1,382	1,362	539	389	243	124	23	31	1,135	2,373
	Addl. Munsif ...	18	262	40	18	117	200	25	42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	535
	Total ..	3,340	3,308	1,146	466	1,224	1,554	...	...	6,576	6,584	2,904	1,192	1,176	678	...	...	5,391	18,522
Trichinopoly.	Trichinopoly ...	45	480	113	81	189	63	152	170	975	1,048	274	308	271	190	58	81	1,500	2,093
	Ariyalur ...	662	726	184	134	150	125	39	199	459	454	139	91	53	22	23	35	728	875
	Kulitalai ..	410	499	133	47	193	61	46	108	775	756	219	133	141	57	34	50	988	1,962
	Trichinopoly Addl. ...	797	711	134	150	283	195	54	130	1,295	1,209	164	468	256	163	35	48	1,157	2,235
	Total ..	1,914	2,416	564	412	815	444	...	..	3,504	3,467	796	1,000	721	432	...	...	4,373	7,165
Vizagapatam.	Vizagapatam ...	876	918	112	181	332	151	52	124	1,118	1,087	76	370	201	123	34	44	2,184	1,896
	Bimlipatam ...	351	366	37	51	113	66	47	117	492	474	10	35	82	37	33	38	457	1,152
	Yellamanchili ...	648	660	133	103	230	108	45	80	774	793	149	155	137	57	41	49	1,255	1,910
	Vizianagrum ...	586	600	45	130	225	231	110	254	579	560	33	94	137	65	44	58	735	1,414
	Razam ...	601	608	108	53	250	112	44	109	704	742	198	95	169	18	21	42	782	2,534
	Parvatipur ...	383	360	28	78	162	87	47	81	309	326	15	112	97	13	29	32	435	708
	Total...	3,445	3,512	463	596	1,312	755	...	...	3,976	3,982	481	861	823	313	...	...	5,848	9,614

I 2.

Statement showing the work received, disposed of and pending, and the average pendency of cases in each District Munsif's Court in 1886.—(*Concluded.*)

District Munsifs' Courts.		Ordinary and Summary Suits.								Small Causes.								Petitions disposed of.	
		Instituted.	Disposed of.				Pending.	Average duration of cases in days.		Instituted.	Disposed of.				Pending.	Average duration of cases in days.		Execution.	Miscellaneous.
			Total.	Compromised.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.		Uncontested.	Contested.		Total.	Compromised.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.		Uncontested.	Contested.		
Ganjam (Agency.)	Balliguda ...	34	35	20	2	2	...	6	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...
	Ramagiri ...	17	18	7	..	...	...	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Udayagiri ...	24	25	2	...	6	1	38	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...
	Parlakimidi ...	8	9	2	3	...	1	87	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2
	Surada ...	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Sompet ...	2	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
	Total...	86	90	31	5	11	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	2
Godavari (Agency.)	Bhadrachalam ...	33	26	2	8	1	14	112	220	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	...
	Do. Naib ..	10	11	3	...	...	...	81	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...
	Polavaram ...	152	184	43	65	31	5	52	101	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	110	2
	Kottapally ...	4	7	...	1	1	...	221	162	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...
	Eleswaram ...	2	1	...	...	1	1	...	76	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
	Total...	201	229	48	74	34	20	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	141	2
Vizagapatam (Agency.)	Golgonda ...	12	28	8	...	13	...	232	455	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	14
	Narayanapatnam ...	56	46	...	12	3	17	41	304	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	11
	Gunupuram ...	51	50	3	6	7	15	94	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	...
	Rayaghada ...	23	28	2	9	4	32	466	183	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...
	Bissenkatak ...	8	3	1	...	...	9	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
	Korapet ...	6	14	3	1	1	6	116	154	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
	Jeypore ...	91	102	8	6	14	8	47	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	...
	Malkanagiri ...	18	11	1	1	2	7	19	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total...	265	282	26	37	44	94	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	80	25

I 3.

Statement showing the work received, disposed of and pending, and the average pendency of cases in the Subordinate Judges' Courts in 1886.

SUBORDINATE JUDGES' COURTS.	Ordinary and Summary Suits.								Appeals.						Small Causes.								Petitions disposed of.	
	Instituted	Disposed of				Pending	Average duration of cases in days.		Instituted	Disposed of		Pending.	Average duration of cases in days		Instituted.	Disposed of.				Pending.	Average duration of cases in days.		Execution.	Miscellaneous.
		Total	Compromised.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.		Uncontested.	Contested		Total	After Contest.		Uncontested	Contested.		Total.	Compromised	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested.		Uncontested.	Contested.		
Bellary (Tadpatri) Bellary side ...	21	24	4	1	12	11	93	144	..	68	67	16	54	75	1,033	965	26	471	139	142	41	65	816	951
Bellary (Tadpatri) Cuddapah side ...	1	3	1	1	...	..	59	...	..	.	.	...	...	...	372	337	4	187	49	52	56	57	102	191
Canara (South), Mangalore ...	40	59	1	2	40	15	163	157	...	233	218	46	78	80	271	331	31	96	106	13	54	54	357	892
Godavari Cocanada ..	55	40	7	1	13	39	143	340	195	336	306	62	54	81	1,027	943	209	232	262	268	99	112	813	1,297
Godavari Ellore ..	35	30	1	3	23	18	135	217	..	224	194	35	50	83	1,208	1,129	159	437	351	263	59	105	548	1,107
Madura East ..	58	58	10	4	34	27	140	198	...	179	175	28	...	90	480	520	146	181	144	70	60	66	1,023	1,325
Madura West ..	39	37	2	6	26	38	84	320	...	170	162	49	93	113	798	874	175	199	305	150	62	127	1,107	1,824
Malabar (North), Tellicherry ...	46	49	14	3	32	26	135	211	..	269	252	8	..	90	1,314	1,285	292	418	466	101	49	53	1,674	2,016
Malabar (South) Calicut ...	33	46	2	5	30	18	48	253	...	236	224	49	67	131	896	905	80	376	333	127	53	62	866	1,619
Malabar (South) Cochin ..	74	60	10	14	19	46	84	204	...	...	...	1	...	.	193	181	28	62	50	35	40	72	199	329
Malabar (South) Palghat ...	29	47	7	3	25	26	181	251	...	233	226	26	...	100	1,111	1,188	110	349	432	72	36	50	895	2,070
Nilgiris, Ootacamund ..	97	94	8	13	36	60	111	231	...	1	1	1	..	39	331	369	14	110	101	78	68	106	401	336
Tanjore Negapatam ..	46	58	10	2	15	37	196	294	...	106	96	50	70	101	1,462	1,471	429	514	314	238	49	127	1,630	2,754
Tanjore Kumbakonam ..	52	43	9	5	21	30	78	284	..	138	129	34	131	80	1,419	1,447	316	462	296	226	55	89	1,430	2,086
Tanjore Tanjore .	51	49	9	5	25	38	175	296	...	129	121	52	67	89	993	1,056	276	366	243	140	44	78	1,335	1,964
Tinnevelly ...	47	70	12	1	44	53	249	534	..	179	157	215	296	349	1,062	1,166	474	198	310	229	67	103	733	1,569
Total .	724	767	107	69	395	482	..	...	195	2,501	2,328	672	...	...	13,970	14,167	2,769	4,658	3,901	2205	...	...	13,929	22,280
Assistant Agents' Courts.																								
Ganjam (Agency) ...	4	2	...	...	1	3	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Godavari (do.) ...	...	12	2	2	3	7	107	172	...	3	2	...	.	90	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	3
Vizagapatam (do.) ...	46	43	3	12	11	18	382	313	4	7	4	...	31	239	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	...
Total...	50	57	5	14	15	28	...	...	4	10	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	3
Grand Total...	774	824	112	83	410	510	...	...	199	2,511	2,334	672	...	...	13,970	14,167	2,769	4,658	3,901	2205	...	..	13,965	22,283

14.

Statement showing the number of suits and appeals instituted, disposed of and pending, and of petitions and criminal cases disposed of in the District Courts in 1886.

DISTRICT COURTS.	CIVIL																								CRIMINAL.	
	Ordinary and Summary Suits.								Appeals.						Small Causes.								Petitions disposed of.			
		Disposed of.					Average duration of suits in days.			Disposed of.			Average duration of appeals in days.			Disposed of.					Average duration of cases in days.					
	Instituted.	Total.	Compromised.	Decided ex-parte.	Contested.	Pending.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Instituted.	Total.	After contest.	Pending.	Uncontested.	Contested	Instituted.	Total.	Compromised.	Decided ex-parte	Contested.	Pending.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Execution.	Miscellaneous	Trials.	Appeals and Revision Cases.
Arcot (North) ..	27	26	6	2	10	11	129	164	238	371	334	44	103	96	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	85	332	61	35
Do (South) ...	17	21	2	3	11	12	178	239	243	246	230	64	86	94	.	.	...	...	..	...	...	...	44	304	59	66
Bellary ...	5	3	..		2	1	..	750	148	96	78	16	74	99	..	..	...	...	.	...	...	...	9	158	89	51
Canara (South) ...	2	1	...	..		4	81	...	408	157	139	118	...	119	...	...	...	...	.	..	..	...	8	415	34	7
Chingleput ...	14	24	8	2	10	14	175	385	317	404	354	105	99	125	50	35	9	5	13	15	144	107	65	405	29	19
Coimbatore ..	14	23	6	2	12	17	286	315	236	269	229	199	269	378	.	.	..	..	...	...	.	...	37	414	58	98
Cuddapah ..	8	1	...	.		12	..	..	138	63	56	75	..	89	114	101	1	34	23	13	71	113	39	241	51	28
Ganjam ...	29	22	3	2	14	17	164	183	318	235	220	179	230	114	97	53	19	9	16	24	58	38	44	364	38	41
Godavari ...	15	18	4	..	6	5	126	212	502	192	149	79	8	70	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	125	728	43	24
Kistna... ...	20	13	3	2	4	16	139	318	312	187	167	332	240	363	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	524	31	22
Kurnool ..	3	6	..		4	3	...	496	94	134	119	43	230	252	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	105	30	12
Madura	4	5	1	...	3	4	459	293	548	251	235	78	81	110	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	554	95	121
Malabar (North) .	1	3	3			3	411	.	756	274	240	583	...	203	.	...	...	...	.	1	...	...	10	514	15	39
Do (South)	6	12	1	1	9	.	69	208	965	635	517	100	.	71	..	..	.	...	..	...	..	..	9	308	46	161
Nellore .. .	33	28	2	1	21	15	178	205	222	230	172	60	121	168	95	53	6	5	30	42	90	118	77	606	16	20
Salem	25	16	4	...	5	30	318	462	301	224	181	306	333	385	11	9	5	2	...	3	26	...	36	629	54	51
Tanjore .	3	4	1			5	96	..	951	303	194	336	65	121		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	728	61	57
Tinnevelly ..	1	2	.	1	1	6	213	139	684	235	226	468	.	210	.		..	...	...		...	...	15	507	78	65
Trichinopoly ...	29	21	9	1	9	20	140	228	309	499	447	68	138	223	92	83	25	26	16	10	44	72	103	662	29	44
Vizagapatam ...	47	27	3	1	17	37	251	187	301	221	202	192	164	143	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	60	586	28	28
Total ...	303	276	56	18	188	231	..	..	7,991	5,226	4,489	3,445	...	...	459	334	65	81	98	108	...	...	867	9,084	945	989
Ganjam (Agency)	1	2	..	...	2	...	...	114	5	7	6	...	71	46	...	...	...	.	...	..	...	...	1	...	8	1
Godavari (do.)	11	1	...	...	..	.	68	..	6	3	...	1	61	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	9	..
Vizagapatam (do.)	2	.	..	.	..	3	..	...	8	2	...	8	...	.	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	7	16	14
Total ..	14	3	...	.	2	3	...	...	19	12	6	9	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	33	15
Grand Total ..	317	279	56	18	140	234	...	...	8,010	5,238	4,495	3,454	..	...	459	334	65	81	98	108	...	...	868	9,091	978	1,004

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Comparative Statement showing, by Districts, the number of First and Second Appeals from decrees instituted in the High Court during the years 1882—1886.

DISTRICTS	First Appeals from decrees.					Second Appeals from decrees.				
	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885	1886.
Arcot (North)	4	5	2	6	8	17	67	30	79	51
Do (South)	1	6	3	7	8	52	61	38	29	46
Bellary	3	5	1	6	8	25	25	38	12	16
Canara (South)	1	1	4	8	7	72	52	53	72	60
Chingleput	7	11	4	11	5	102	69	35	45	130
Coimbatore	4	3	7	1	...	49	44	64	19	21
Cuddapah	1	3	3	4	...	15	35	45	24	18
Ganjam	3	4	6	5	5	18	14	29	11	23
Godavari	7	19	11	13	10	38	45	47	63	102
Kistna	12	9	2	1	17	14	31	10	28	18
Kurnool	2	...	...	1	...	5	5	11	5	14
Madura	20	12	15	9	12	57	50	78	121	119
Malabar (North)	5	10	6	10	11	80	125	111	117	138
Do (South)	9	4	7	17	20	153	160	187	176	246
Nellore	5	5	11	8	10	16	11	49	19	30
Salem	9	7	1	7	2	47	41	52	59	47
Tanjore	34	23	26	11	10	147	157	80	74	92
Tinnevelly	6	15	4	5	11	73	102	40	93	96
Trichinopoly	11	7	6	11	6	35	39	17	20	53
Vizagapatam	18	8	5	15	8	69	45	27	49	32
Total ...	162	157	124	156	158	1,084	1,178	1 041	1,115	1,352
Madras	24	16	21	31	23	.	...	...	..	..
Grand Total ...	186	173	145	187	181	1 084	1,178	1,041	1,115	1,352

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Statement showing the judicial receipts and charges of Civil Courts for 1886.

DISTRICTS.	RECEIPTS. In Stamps. Institution fees	Process fees.	Probate, administration and certificate fees.	Other Court fees.	Special (copying) Stamps.	In cash. Fines, penalties and forfeitures	Other receipts credited to Government.	Total.	CHARGES. Share of officers' salaries debitable to Civil Justice.	Establishments and Contingencies. Regular.	Process-servers.	Copyists and supervising staff.	Refunds.	Charges on account of petty constructions and repairs.	Total.	Surplus or Deficit.	Remarks.
Arcot (North)	66,758	35,324	3[illegible]6	7,147	7,060	1,055	271	1,18,001	35,851	20,650	25,550	4,237	33	3,368	89,689	+28,312	
Do. (South)	70,091	38,771	230	4,723	6,349	1,165	668	1,21,997	38,164	17,738	24,337	4,512	332	368	85,991	+36,006	
Bellary	59,406	29,318	1,000	7,555	3,313	1,699	686	1,02,977	33,531	19,027	25,318	2,241	588	486	81,191	+21 786	
Canara (South)	65,363	39,172	1,394	9,604	9,118	1,245	977	1,26,873	48,949	24,763	27,060	6,104	241	1,165	1,08,282	+18,591	
Chingleput	41,066	17,774	470	3,859	4,613	511	794	69,087	36,756	15,625	13,298	3,222	62	1,467	70,430	—1,343	
Coimbatore	80,944	32,686	3,559	8,790	6,993	968	612	1,34,552	44,140	22,485	19,844	4,774	16	1,843	93,102	+41,450	
Cuddapah	28,098	21,202	612	9,837	2,703	949	399	63,800	28,321	15,577	18,819	1,820	4	791	65,332	—1,532	
Ganjam	47,780	26 466	142	16,301	4,200	1,413	570	96,872	30,690	16,138	19,094	3,128	176	910	70,136	+26,736	
Godavari	1,27,233	62,868	578	23,129	13,234	4,025	1,243	2,32,310	54,417	35,477	50,018	7,310	406	908	1,48,536	+83,774	
Kistna	66,160	41,664	542	9,590	5,567	2,259	880	1,26,662	29,924	19,000	25,570	3,097	112	1,832	79,535	+47,127	
Kurnool	19,465	12,205	400	3,474	1,736	584	170	38,034	22,207	11,453	11,311	1,242	26	15	46,254	—8,220	
Madura	1,28,761	66,849	530	21,734	17,295	2,966	956	2,39,091	46,689	31,750	37,059	12,893	563	...	1,28,954	+1,10,137	
Malabar (North)	95,433	48,454	...	27,411	14,943	1,432	1,717	1,89,390	51,706	27,910	34,273	9,123	21	1,040	1,24,073	+65,317	
Do. (South)	1,81,249	82,110	196	18,906	26,606	3,128	2,932	3,15,127	73,661	46,000	64,104	15,511	238	2,046	2,01,560	+1,13,567	
Nellore	55,025	28,453	168	7,023	3,316	2,465	192	96,642	31,645	14,834	21,312	2,328	508	735	71,362	+25,280	
Salem	53,333	26,347	512	1,296	5,275	543	993	88,299	30,251	15,797	17,788	3,182	88	...	67,106	+21,193	
Tanjore	2,19,674	1,12,153	2,099	25,628	24,080	2,813	3,169	3,89,616	73,221	51,261	68,487	14,351	248	1,292	2,08,860	+1,80,756	
Tinnevelly	93,843	52,878	1,753	15,011	13,940	1,382	941	1,79,748	46,398	23,432	35,985	7,988	...	2,298	1,16,101	+63,647	
Trichinopoly	54,232	30,694	732	9,093	7,519	543	479	1,03,292	37,667	16,035	21,273	4,480	43	1,507	81,005	+22,287	
Vizagapatam	73,303	32,380	1,436	17,536	6,329	2,334	711	1,34,029	30,360	20,753	29,024	4,262	291	869	85,559	+48,470	
Ganjam (Agency) ...	176	...	...	248	...	...	...	424	3,676	1,329	...	...	..	126	5,131	—4,707	
Godavari (do.) ..	1,588	718	...	246	...	49	...	2,601	3,119	29	164	...	129	183	3,624	—1,023	
Vizagapatam (do.) ...	5,462	573	...	166	19	520	...	6,740	4,668	480	519	...	...	...	5,667	+1,073	
Total ..	16,34,443	8,39,059	16,739	2,48,307	1,84,203	34,048	19,360	29,76,164	8,36,011	4,67,543	5,90,747	1,15,805	4,125	23,249	20,37,480	+9,38,684	
Madras. Presy S. C. Court ..	1,30,016	44,386	...	243	1,992	578	...	1,77,215	53,203	21,806	6,175	648	19,060	...	1,00,892	+76,323	
Madras. High Court ...	1,22,999	3,964	28,768	15,378	2,701	...	467	1,74 277	1,75,945	1,77,449	...	2,245	3,340	...	3,58,979	—1,84,702	
Total...	2,53,015	48,350	28,768	15,621	4,693	578	467	3,51,492	2,29,148	1,99,255	6,175	2,893	22,400	...	4,59,871	—1,08,379	
Grand Total...	18,87,458	8,87,409	45,507	2,63,928	1,88,901	34,626	19,827	33,27,656	10,65,159	6,66,798	5,96,922	1,18,698	26,525	23,249	24,97,351	+8,30,305	

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From the Acting Registrar of the High Court of Judicature at Madras, Appellate Side, dated Madras, 13th October 1887, No. 2543.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding copies of the Civil Administration Report for 1886.

ORDER—dated 14th November 1887, No. 2593, Judicial.

The Report on the Administration of Civil Justice during the year 1886 is submitted at a somewhat later date (October 14th) than usual. It has been prepared upon the same method of arrangement as was adopted in the report of 1885, of which the Government expressed their approval in the review. The maps prefixed have been revised in consequence of the remarks then passed and considerably improved; they now show the local jurisdiction of all District Munsifs and Subordinate Judges and the small cause jurisdiction of Subordinate and District Judges and form a valuable feature of the report. It has also been found possible to curtail the length of the report still further, and the process of compression has now probably been carried as far as is practicable.

2. The first and introductory chapter of the report is concerned with the changes in jurisdiction, territorial and otherwise, which occurred. These may be said to have been generally successful in producing the results aimed at, but there seems to be one exception. In consequence of representations from the inhabitants of North Wynaad as to the difficulty of carrying their appeals to Calicut, the Northern Amsams were, from 1st April 1886, transferred to the civil, as they had before been subject to the criminal, jurisdiction of the North Malabar Court; but in 1886 only two appeals from decrees passed by the Vayitri Munsif were taken to Tellicherry and the previous inconvenience must have been exaggerated.

3. The readjustment of jurisdiction in the Nellore district has produced just the effect desired by the Committee, and the file of the Nellore Munsif (O.S. 652 and S.C. 1,883, against 1,203 and 1,041 in 1885) is now quite manageable; it is not understood to what other cause these results can be attributed than the revision of the local jurisdiction and the grant of special small cause powers to the Judge and the Nellore Munsif under Act XXI of 1885.

4. The extension of small cause powers under this Act is the most notable feature of the year's administration. Six District Judges have for the first time been invested with such powers in a small area up to a limit of Rs. 500, while 15 District Munsifs have received extended powers throughout their local jurisdiction up to a limit of Rs. 200, and 10 up to a limit of Rs. 100. The effect of the change is that suits of the nature of small causes between Rs. 50 and Rs. 100 or 200, as the case may be, in value, which were formerly tried as regular suits and subject to appeal, have been summarily determined by these munsifs themselves, while a small number of similar suits of higher value have been summarily tried by District Judges. That the relief afforded has been very material is clear from the fact that the ordinary files of these 25 munsifs have fallen from 19,591 to 13,325 or by 6,266, while they have received 6,743 small causes above Rs. 50 in value. Other causes may doubtless have contributed to these results, but on the other hand, as pointed out by the High

Court, the new system has been subject to interruptions in some courts. On the whole it may be taken that the anticipated relief has been secured to the munsifs in question, and as the decrees in these 6,000 and odd suits would formerly have been subject to appeal, though not to second appeal, the change must have had some effect on the appellate files of District Judges, though not (as suggested in paragraphs 40 and 42 of the report) on that of the High Court.

5. In paragraph 4, the High Court alludes to the difficulty of providing, on occasions of leave and casual absence, for the continuous exercise of these extended powers. The difficulty was not unforeseen and demands that such powers should only be conferred where relief is really required. The cases of the following munsifs would therefore seem to require reconsideration:—Masulipatam and Puttur, where the relief given is but slight, and in the latter case by no means necessary; and Kulitalai, Udipi, and Kundapur, where its necessity is at least doubtful. The files at Mangalore and Rajahmundry are much reduced, but if the extended powers were taken away, the work would be transferred to Subordinate Judges. The same remark applies to some extent to Paramakudi, but it would, perhaps, be desirable to give this munsif special jurisdiction up to Rs. 200 over the tracts excluded from the Subordinate Judge's summary jurisdiction, and to take away his extended powers in the included limits. The file of the Cuddapah Munsif as well that of the District Judge is so low that it seems questionable if the present arrangement should be continued.

That the original suits instituted before the principal District Munsif of Trichinopoly should have been allowed to fall to 45 in the whole year, is not creditable to the watchfulness of the District Judge, to whom the new law has entrusted the duty of apportioning the work in such cases.

6. The second chapter of the report relates to the classes and sittings of courts and calls for little remark. But for the extraordinary falling off in the number of Village Munsifs exercising civil powers in the Chingleput district, the numbers of this class of courts in the Presidency as a whole would have considerably increased. It would seem as if there must be some strange error in the figures relating to Chingleput in statement C-I. It is hardly conceivable that the number of Village Courts can have jumped from 101 in 1884 to 420 in 1885, and back again to 100 in 1886, particularly when 52 more suits were instituted in 1886 and only 133 fewer disposed of.

7. The litigation of the Presidency is reviewed in the third chapter, and the actual business of the courts in chapter IV, but the two can be conveniently noticed together. The total number of original suits instituted shows a decrease of 3,438 or 1·3 per cent., but the whole decrease is more than accounted for by the diminished files of Village Munsifs (principally in the Malabar Collectorate), and with the exception of the contribution furnished by this class of cases, litigation continued to increase during 1886. Appeals showed a total increase of 462, or nearly 5 per cent., and in the regular courts of the mofussil original suits (including small causes) also rose by 8,619 or the same percentage. Village Munsifs' Courts are referred to several times by the High Court in the present report, but the whole subject has been fully discussed in a separate report and order of Government (G.O., 10th October 1887, No. 2298, Judicial), and it is now receiving attention in the Legislative Department with a view to the revision of the law regulating Village Courts.

8. The institutions in Revenue Courts during the past four years are shown in the margin. It will be seen that though the figures for 1886 were lower than in the preceding year, they were exceedingly near the average. The statement in paragraph 21 of the report, that litigation in the Revenue Courts fell below that of 1884 as well as that of 1885, is not understood, for the figures now given for 1884 are 2 below those for 1886, though 14 higher than the number stated in the report for the former year. The Zemindari of Gandrakottai, to which allusion is made in the same paragraph, is under the care of the Court of Wards, which at the outset of its management was compelled to file a large number of suits to settle rents. On the whole, the work of the Revenue Courts

1883	3,517
1884	3,951
1885	4,188
1886	3,953
Average	3,902

showed improvement. In spite of a larger number of contested cases, they disposed of more suits and with more promptitude than in 1885, and left a smaller arrear list by 7 per cent. at the close of the year.

9. The files of the two Cantonment Courts of Small Causes, which were in existence in 1886, were somewhat higher than usual, but the amount is never very considerable. The courts, however, failed to keep pace with the increase, small as it was; only one suit more was disposed of than in 1885, and consequently the close of the year showed a larger number of arrears. On the other hand, the average pendency of the cases improved during 1886. One of the two courts of this class has been abolished since the commencement of the current year.

10. The last two years have shown an increase in the files of the Agency Courts whose institutions for five years are compared in the margin. These figures show that the falling off in the files, which led to the suggestion in the Civil Justice report of 1884 that it might be attributable to dissatisfaction on the part of suitors with the working of the courts, was due to other and apparently temporary causes. The larger files were well met by the courts, which disposed of 661 cases against 552 in 1885, and left 148 pending at the close of the year against 162. These results are satisfactory, but tested by promptitude of disposal, the work showed a falling off.

1882	460
1883	409
1884	367
1885	559
1886	616

11. Over 87 per cent. of the total number of original suits instituted in the Presidency are filed in the Courts of District Munsifs. The files of those munsifs, whose small cause powers have been specially extended, have been referred to above (paragraph 4), and the transfer of some 6,000 suits from the regular to the summary side of their courts has necessarily affected the figures for the munsifs generally. Although the number of ordinary suits disposed of was the lowest in the last five years, the arrears outstanding on the 31st December were lower than those of either 1884 or 1885, and the average pendency, both in contested and uncontested suits, has been reduced. On the other hand the number of small causes for disposal rose from 76,621 in 1885 to 90,881 in the year under report, and the number disposed of from 70,446 to 83,223. The figures show that the courts were fairly successful in keeping pace with the larger amount of business of this kind. It has already been pointed out that 6,743 of the small causes were above Rs. 50 in value and due to artificial causes, but there has also been considerable natural growth in this class of litigation, for the number under Rs. 50 is higher than that for 1885 by 6,303. This natural increase, however, is to some extent accounted for by the diminution of the number of suits carried before Village Munsifs, particularly in the Malabar Collectorate. The arrears at the close of 1886 were 7,658 against 6,175 at the beginning of the year.

1882	64,800
1883	66,990
1884	65,202
1885	66,482
1886	60,946

Paragraph 23 of the report shows very clearly how unequal the work of the several District Munsifs continues, notwithstanding all the efforts made during recent years to equalize the burden as much as practicable. The average file is by no means heavy—554 ordinary suits and 783 small causes, of which 40 and 20 per cent. respectively are contested—but in some courts these numbers are nearly doubled. The heaviest courts have been enumerated by the High Court (paragraphs 23 and 73), but the outturn of work by the Munsifs of Villapuram and Narsápur is also noticeable. Perhaps the most unequal district is Ganjam, where there are but four Munsifs, and the Aska institutions numbered 1,094 O.S., and 864 S.C., against only 408 and 348 at Chicacole. But the two adjoining Munsifs of Vizagapatam and Bimlipatam present quite as striking a contrast, 876 and 1,118, against 351 and 492. Something should be done, if possible, to remedy these inequalities.

12. The work, original and appellate, of the 15 courts of Sub-Judges calls for little remark. The number of institutions was very near that of 1885, a small increase occurring only among the small causes, and the amount of work turned out was somewhat, but not very noticeably, larger than in the preceding year. There was a slight increase in the arrears, owing to the total files being larger than in 1885, and a more serious increase in the average pendency of all classes of causes except uncontested small causes, which showed a small improvement. The worst results in this respect are shown as regards suits and appeals by the Sub-Judge of Tinnevelly, and as regards small causes by the Sub-Judges of Cocanada, Madura West and Negapatam. The delay at Cocanada is probably attributable to his periodical visits to Rajahmundry. The litigants of Tinnevelly are remarkable for their persistency, but that the 44 contested ordinary and summary suits disposed of by the Sub-Judge should have lasted on an average 534 days, seems much to his discredit and is not explained by the presence of unusually heavy files. This Subordinate Judge has, it is true, disposed of a very large number of original suits within the year, but this circumstance makes the extraordinary average delay still more remarkable. The Government have again to notice an excessive proportion of cases in which the courts of Sub-Judges failed to secure any execution of their decrees. Out of 9,583 applications for execution, as many as 5,589 were infructuous. It may be, as was suggested in the report of 1885, that this is due partly to cases being settled out of court and partly to the decree-holders not persevering, but it does not appear why the proportion of such cases should be larger in the courts of Sub-Judges than in other classes of courts. The Subordinate Judges of Cocanada and Cochin have lost ground on both sides of their courts.

13. The original litigation in the District Courts showed an increase, the institutions of ordinary suits in the last five years being shown in the margin. As already noticed, small cause powers were, for the first time conferred on six District Judges and 459 small causes were instituted before them. Only in one district (Cuddapah, 114) did the number exceed 100 or add appreciably to the business of the Judges. The other original work, however, accomplished by the District Courts was less than in either of the five preceding years,* or than in any year since 1879, and though the full effect of the fewer disposals will probably be more evident next year, the average pendency of contested suits rose from 245 to 256 days. There was a considerable falling off in Vizagapatam and Kistna, where the District Judge had no small causes, in Salem, where he only received 11, and in Trichinopoly. The worst results as regards delay in the disposal of contested suits occurred in Bellary, where the two suits decided had lasted 750 days, and in Kurnool (a very light court) and Salem, where the average duration was 496 and 462 days, respectively. The Government observe that the District Judge of Bellary devoted only 107 days in the year to civil work. The criminal work attached to this court is heavier than in most cases, but it seems impossible to suppose that its 89 trials and 51 appeals and revision cases could fully occupy the rest of the working year. The remarks in G.O., 20th December 1886, No. 3346, did not reach the District Judge of Bellary till after the close of the year now under review; the Government expect an improvement to appear in the next report.

1882	283
1883	295
1884	278
1885	289
1886	303

* 1882	308
1883	374
1884	289
1885	320
1886	276

14. Notwithstanding the transfer of 6,000 appealable cases to the summary side of District Munsifs' Courts already noticed, the appellate files of District Courts continued to show advance, and were, indeed, in 1886, the highest on record. The falling off in ordinary suits tried by District Munsifs may perhaps have some effect on the institutions next year. The appeals from decrees numbered 7,991, against 7,830,

and the miscellaneous appeals 561, against 568. The appellate work turned out by the District Courts generally showed improvement, being greater than in any year since 1883. But in spite of this increase, the arrears continued to rise and the figure reached was nearly 75 per cent. higher than the corresponding figure of 1884. The comparison is made in the margin. The variations in Subordinate Courts are inconsiderable. The Honorable the Judges draw attention to the large number of appeals of over six months' standing in the District Courts of Tanjore, Kistna and Salem. The Government trust that the District Judges concerned will endeavour to clear off these arrears. The High Court will be requested to consider if the Subordinate Judge of Ellore could not assist the District Court of Kistna in the matter of appeals. Nearly 200 appeals seem to have been referred to him by the District Court of Godávari, which is not now at all overburdened with work. It should also be considered whether the Subordinate Judges of Ellore and Pálghat might not be authorised to receive appeals direct, like the Subordinate Judge at Cocanada.

	Pending	
	In District Courts.	Before Sub-Judges.
1882	2,288	549
1883	2,092	425
1884	2,020	615
1885	2,773	719
1886	3,445	672

The Government regret again to notice the little use made in most districts of the power to reject groundless appeals without issuing notice (section 551 of the Procedure Code). Of the 180 appeals thus dealt with, the Judge of South Malabar disposed of 120, which leaves only 60 for all other districts.

15. In the Presidency Small Cause Court, the annual increase in work since the present Act came into force in 1882 continued. The litigation of the 5 years is shown in the margin. The work of the court was steady and satisfactory. The disposals were only a fraction less than in 1885, and the arrears at the close of the year just under what there had been at the beginning. As noted by the High Court, the continued improvement in the pendency of suits, which has fallen greatly in the last two years, is very satisfactory. There is, however, a steady decrease in the proportion of cases which are contested.

1882	21,296
1883	25,079
1884	25,866
1885	26,936
1886	27,314

16. The annual increase of work in the Presidency Small Cause Court has been accompanied by an annual falling off in the files of the Original Side of the High Court, the figures of which are compared in the margin; but in the absence of information as to the nature and value of the suits, it is impossible to say how far, if at all, the two facts can be connected. It would, however, appear, from paragraph 36, that the decrease in the High Court has occurred in all classes of suits and that there is no disproportionate decrease in suits which might be taken to the Court of Small Causes. It is more probable, as suggested at the end of paragraph 102, that suitors are deterred from filing suits by the delay allowed to occur in their disposal. The fall in institutions was the heaviest recorded in the last 5 years, but it was accompanied by even a larger decrease in the number of cases disposed of, which fell off by over 26 per cent., namely, from 370 to 271. As a result, the arrears again increased, and of the 301 suits pending at the end of the year, 35 per cent. were of more than 12 months' standing.

1882	407
1883	398
1884	361
1885	348
1886	292

It is observed that, of the 292 suits filed in the year, 119 were of values under Rs. 2,500 and 194 under Rs. 5,000, only 98 being valued above the latter sum. It has been proposed to transfer to the Court of Small Causes the original jurisdiction up to Rs. 2,500 or Rs. 5,000. On the Appellate Side of the High Court, the circumstances are different; for there the decreased disposals and increased arrears are accompanied by larger institutions and heavier files. There was a marked increase in the number of second appeals instituted, and this helped materially to swell the total work

of the court. First appeals were almost the same as in the previous year and have varied little in the last 5 years. A considerably larger proportion of the first appeals were from decrees of Sub-Judges than was the case in 1885. The Government notice with regret the increasing average duration of appeals decided, but this feature is an inevitable accompaniment of the augmenting number of arrears.

Taking the two principal heads of work, first and second appeals, the Government regret to find that only 119 and 906, respectively, have been disposed of, against an average for the previous four years (para. 90) of 180 and 1,138. As regards original suits the corresponding figures are 271, against an average of 376 (para. 79). The growing arrears cannot be permitted to accumulate. As long ago as May last the Government made an urgent demand for an additional Judge, and they trust that such assistance will soon be given.

17. The financial result of the year was a surplus of Rs. 4,69,615. In addition to this, the process service fund produced a surplus of Rs. 2,90,487, the largest since the introduction of the new system, and the copyist fund had a surplus of Rs. 70,203, somewhat less than in 1885, due probably to the decrease in charges made for copying. It is presumed that pensionary contributions are not included in these figures. The Government will be glad to receive a more detailed account of these funds and proposals for the utilisation of at least a portion of the surplus. The average cost of a suit was Rs. 16, as compared with Rs. 17 in the previous year.

18. Inspection was satisfactory except in the following districts—Tanjore, Tinnevelly, Coimbatore, Cuddapah, Ganjam and Kistna.

(True Extract.)

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